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£25,000 reward to find Rachel's killer

BY ROB GIBSON
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THE family of Rachel Manning has made an emotional appeal for fresh information eight years after she was brutally murdered.

At Milton Keynes Police Station yesterday, detectives announced a £25,000 reward for any information leading to the conviction of her killer.

The body of the 19-year-old sales assistant was discovered on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, in the undergrowth at Woburn Golf Club, two days after she disappeared.

A post mortem revealed that she had been strangled and forensics showed she was then mutilated with a stop lock which police found 500 metres from the scene.

Yesterday Rachel's parents, Paul and Liz, seated alongside her younger brother, Tom, spoke frankly about their loss, describing the unsolved case as "an open wound".

Paul Manning, from New Bradwell, said: "We had to see those horrific injuries first hand when we identified her body.

"This was the most soul-destroying thing any parent could go through.

"This is the last image we have of our daughter and it never ever fades.

"We need to know who did this terrible thing to Rachel and why.

"Someone out there knows who did this and they don't deserve your protection."

Thames Valley Police re-opened the investigation following the acquittal of Rachel's boyfriend, Barri White, at Luton Crown Court in December 2008.

Mr White, 29, of Walnut Tree, spent nearly six years in prison before his appeal for a re-trial was granted.

According to police, the last definite sighting of Rachel was on December 10, as she walked down Witan Gate towards Oldbrook, wearing 60's fancy dress including white high heel boots, a white top and short black skirt. She had spent the night at a party at New Bradwell Village Hall, before moving onto Chicago nightclub.

Rachel's father Paul Manning appeals for information at a press conference yesterday. Alongside him are mother Liz and brother Tom

At 2.45am she made a call from a phone kiosk on Evans Gate, Oldbrook.

Detective Superintendent Rob Mason said: "I think that despite the most in-depth investigation that I've ever been involved in, at this stage the killer or killers have been extremely fortunate not to have left significant forensic evidence.

"Given all the evidence we've got with the stop lock and the clothing we've been very unlucky, they have been very fortunate. We've conducted an extensive enquiry and now we are reliant on the public. We need their help to solve this case. We have got to keep an open mind.

"There is certainly the potential that more than one person was involved."

He added that the police have no new leads and are in the process of taking statements from some of the original suspects, as well as reviewing others who could be linked to the case.

Mrs Manning described her daughter as a normal teenage girl who loved horse riding, reading and going out with her friends.

She said: "Please, if you know anything about Rachel's murder, no matter how small, come forward and talk to the police.

"Whoever did this needs to be held to account.

"They forfeited their right to having a future the day they took our daughter's future away."

A dedicated incident room has been set up and is on stand-by to take any calls.

■ **Anyone with information can call 08458 505505 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555111.**

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Cancer donation tribute to mother

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A FAMILY who lost their mother to ovarian cancer has paid tribute to her life by raising funds to help save others.

Norma Loh died on January 5, aged 65, after a 16-month battle against the cancer and her husband and family have now raised £925 for The Myrtle Peach Fund for Ovarian Cancer Prevention at Milton Keynes Hospital.

Norma's daughter, Keely Gregoriou, from Walnut Tree, said: "The sad part was that she had lost her sister to the same disease.

"This terrible disease has raised it's ugly head in this generation and The Myrtle Peach Fund has now paid for me to go through the screening process.

"We need these people to help people like me who have a history of it in their family."

The charity helps patients who are at risk from or have been treated for cervical or ovarian cancer and helps the hospital to develop gynaecological services.

The hospital's obstetrics and gynaecology consultant, Professor Christopher B-Lynch, founded the charity in 1987 to reduce the incidence of cervical cancer because at that time there was a higher rate of abnormal smear tests in Milton Keynes.

He said: "We're very grateful for this generous donation, which will directly benefit women with cancer.

"The sooner ovarian cancer is diagnosed, the easier it is to treat."

Professor B-Lynch said that if the cancer is caught in the early phase, 95 per cent of women live for more than five years.

About 6,800 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer in the UK each year.

This week the hospital announced that The Myrtle Peach Fund has awarded Cranfield Health's cancer research team a £15,000 boost to identify ways of improving immunity to combat such cancers.

It is hoped that the results of the project will benefit the treatment of early stage ovarian cancer and breast cancer sufferers as well as reducing the risk of infection following major surgery.

To make a donation to the Myrtle Peach Fund call Charitable Funds on 01908 243383 or make a check payable to 'Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust', with 'Myrtle Peach Fund, Number 0090' on the back.

Keeley Gregoriou with a picture of her mother Norma Loh who died of ovarian cancer

> We need these people to help people like me who have a history of ovarian cancer in their family
>
> – Norma Loh's daughter, Keely Gregoriou, speaking of The Myrtle Peach Fund

Special needs children being schooled all over the country

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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CITY children with special needs are being sent to school as far away as Darlington, Margate and Devon.

The council, which admitted the number of children being educated out of the borough is 'far higher' than average, has revealed that children from Milton Keynes are being schooled in Staffordshire, Wokingham, Wiltshire, Doncaster, Hull, Lincoln and Yorkshire.

Though 94 per cent of children with special needs are educated within the city, the council says that sending six per cent out of the borough is not ideal.

MK NEWS revealed earlier this month that the money spent on each child with special needs in Milton Keynes is 'above average', but the 'outcomes' of their education are lower.

However, Milton Keynes Council cannot reveal the cost of educating a child within the city compared to a child in another county who has to travel long distance or board.

Education expert Penny Richardson, who is currently conducting the council's review into special needs provision, said: "There's a higher dependency on schools the council doesn't run. The average cost of those is very high."

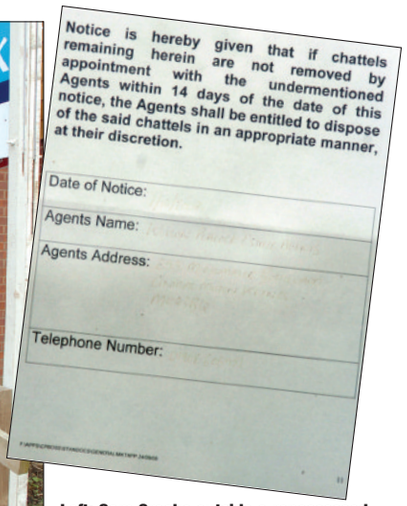
But Monica Harris, founder of special needs charity MK ADHD, said that this is detrimental to the many children of Milton Keynes - which has a high proportion of people with special needs.

"You'd have thought that because Milton Keynes is a brand new city they've have all the facilities they needed. Obviously it is bad for children to go out of county for schooling as it means they must either travel long distances or board. For some children it could affect their health, it could affect the bond between them and their parents. Why can't they be educated in Milton Keynes? Make a new school. Take the money from sending them elsewhere and make a brilliant new school."

The group's qualm is with the fact that there is a school for boys with emotional and behavioural difficulties, The Gatehouse School, but not for girls.

One parent, whose son had to go to Oakham in Leicestershire for schooling, said he witnessed just how much money was wasted.

"Milton Keynes could not provide my son with adequate education. They are building brand new schools here, but why can't they build one for children with special needs? It would be so much better than them having to live miles away from their families."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Left: Sam Crooks outside a repossessed house on Broughton. Above: The notice posted to repossessed houses

Repossessions grow as recession deepens

HUNDREDS of homes in Milton Keynes were repossessed in just three months.

Figures released on Friday reveal that in the last quarter of 2008, nearly 500 families were evicted from their homes.

Houses with letterboxes screwed shut and archaic notices in windows stating residents may 'collect their chattels (belongings)' are becoming commonplace.

The Ministry of Justice statistics show that in that period, 283 landlord possession orders were made – an increase of 86 per cent on the same period in the previous year.

At this time there were 168 mortgage possession orders, representing a four per cent increase.

Cllr Sam Crooks says the problem is rife in his ward, having counted 14 repossessed homes on just one leaflet drop in Broughton.

He is particularly concerned having seen absentee landlords going bust and their tenants, oblivious to what is happening, turned out of their homes.

He said: "Unfortunately I've seen some of this before in the early 80s and 90s, but not on this scale, and that is why I feel so strongly about it."

As a result Milton Keynes Council has set up a new scheme to help people being rehoused, a hotline which will help repossession victims, and is also investigating the council becoming its own letting agency.

The Communities and Local Government Select Committee, chaired by city MP Dr Phyllis Starkey, has also recommended the government does more to help people in the housing crisis.

She said: "In Milton Keynes we've got quite a big proportion of buy-to-lets. They're a particular concern as tenants who have often been paying their rent got no notice at all of repossession.

"Even though housing completions are up in Milton Keynes, we're not starting enough new houses, so in a year or so we're going to be in real difficulty."

■ To contact the council's housing and benefits hotline call 01908 252770.

New visitor signs to go up in city

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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VISITORS will finally be able to navigate their way around the centre of the city after the council has agreed to put up some signs.

In October MK NEWS revealed that more than half the people visiting central Milton Keynes find it difficult to know how to get around - with newcomers finding it virtually impossible to find attractions such as the Hub on foot.

Managers of the shopping centre, gallery, Hub, theatre and tourism service, even the city centre manager, were united in their frustration at the lack of signposting, believing it was detrimental.

But now Milton Keynes Council, alongside these organisations, is implementing the first phase of state-of-the-art signage.

It will not be the total answer to navigating Central Milton Keynes and three phases will follow.

The council is currently getting quotes from manufacturers for nine signs, which are being called 'information totems', as well as two large welcome signs which will be erected along Midsummer Boulevard from Station Square to Theatre District and through to Xscape.

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We revealed how visitors had difficulty finding their way around back in October last year

The new redway running north-to-south across the city centre will have signs along its length informing people what is ahead and to each side.

The council has had the budget approved for a double sided parking ticket system so that visitors have a reminder of where they have left their cars. They hope to have the machines configured to issue these double tickets at the same time as the charge increases are introduced.

City centre manager Kay Greenhalgh, said: "This is wonderful news. We're really pleased at the beginning of what's a big process. The fact that the council are implementing phase one is absolutely fantastic.

"We are all proud of what we've got and want to shout about it and this will help the public find it."

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Flying in the Facebook of car parking rises

SIR – Last week you reported that Lib Dem Cllr Douglas McCall had concluded that people were 'generally happy' with the parking increases. Really!

Over 2,000 have joined the 'against the abolishment of free parking in MK' group on Facebook, and it's difficult to recall any issue that's generated so many letters to the local papers.

Cllr McCall concluded that because people did not turn up at the scrutiny meeting, they must be happy.

No, Cllr McCall - they have jobs and families and hence don't have spare evenings to come and tell you what a rubbish job you're doing of running Milton Keynes.

Your statement was patronising and arrogant.

Does the bus network even need more subsidy? Unlike most LibDem Councillors, I actually use the bus, and I think £1.10 from Peartree Bridge to CMK is great value.

What are we trying to achieve – free public transport for all?

So, Cllr McCall, why don't you produce some Lib Dem leaflets that say: 'We're going to charge CMK workers £300-a-year to park, we're increasing commuter permits by 40 per cent to over £780 and we're going to spend all the money on the buses. Vote for us'.

I'll even help you deliver them.
John Baker
Woughton

Pigeon stories plea

SIR – I'd like to thank MK NEWS' readers for sharing their fascinating wartime pigeon stories with us after you ran an article on my Pigeon Archive project at Milton Keynes Gallery recently.

Many personal and moving tales have come to light which has been wonderful.

We'd particularly like to hear again from Susan McLarence, as unfortunately we have an incorrect telephone number for her.

It's also not too late to send us new stories, perhaps you or someone you know was saved by a pigeon, prepared them for flight or donated pigeons to the war effort.

If you have a pigeon story to tell please call Rosie Jackson on 01908 558302 or e-mail r.jackson@mk-g.org.

The Pigeon Archive exhibition will run at Milton Keynes Gallery from July 4 to August 30.
Lyndall Phelps
Sent by e-mail

Not in my back yard

SIR – I would like to ask you, as I have asked the police on several occasions, for how much longer are boy and now girl racers going to be allowed to meet at the hockey stadium on a Sunday night?

I work across the road and have witnessed people speeding round the car park, doughnutting and the such like and have also witnessed drug deals being done.

They scream up and down the dual carriageway at breakneck speeds but there is never a police car in sight.

I even witnessed them removing the road closed signs from that area so they could go in.

This has got to be stopped. All the police have to do is place a police car at both entrances and stop them – after a couple of weeks they'll go somewhere else.
Mr Tanswell
Sent by e-mail

Tax waste watch

SIR – Re 'Tree-lovers prevent chainsaw massacre' in last week's MK NEWS).

This story is typical of how unelected council officers take liberties often without formal discussion with councillors and with little or no public consultation frequently using public funds or grants from DEFRA or various other funding organisations.

This sort of work often appears in the guise of 'routine maintenance' but has no real purpose except to give lucrative work to felling contractors and, at the same time, keep the council open spaces staff in permanent work and looking forward to comfortable pensions at public expense.

The 'culling' of these departments and their staff would, in the current cash crisis, release funds for areas of greater need such as the state of our road surfaces and more visible policing.

However, we cannot hope for much from regional authorities when our national government sets such a poor example from the Prime Minister down.

Those of us who care should spend time watching them at work, they hate being watched and being challenged as to their actions (or lack of them).

Try it, it works, but you must keep up the pressure!

Form study groups and 'Friends of ...' groups to watch over them and demand answers to questionnable undemocratic behaviour which affects your community.

Always remember it is the mandarins who pull the strings, so let them know that you are on their case and keep digging.
Des Hughes
(SW Herts Commons Study Group)

Lost your ring?

SIR – On Sunday, February 15, I found a ring in the snow on Water Eaton Road.

Although I don't believe it to be of great monetary value, I imagine it would be of sentimental value to someone.

If the owner could please phone MK 374754, I will be happy to return it.
Linda Collins
Hunter Drive

Tesco too big

SIR – In your, February 4 edition you asked for views on the proposed re-build of Tesco in Wolverton.

I was horrified when I read that it is going to be bigger than the one in Kingston.

Why? The one in Kingston serves all the new estates in that area. Where are the new estates around Wolverton?

If it does go ahead, I will no longer use it although it is local to where I live in Blue Bridge.

I very rarely visit the one in Kingston, as I find it far too big to walk round, and trying to find things is a nightmare.

Also, finding a parking space is extremely difficult. The same applies to Asda which I rarely visit for the same reasons.

So if this proposal does go ahead, I will travel to Morrisons in Westcroft, which is a far more sensible size.
Pam Downing
Sent by e-mail

Neglect of redways no way to get people out of cars

SIR – The redway system in Milton Keynes is somewhat unique.

For some time now the lack of maintenance to this system has been cause for concern; with ruts and cracks everywhere to be seen.

Add to this heavy snow and sheet ice and you have a hazzard of a serious nature.

Why then, did the council and councillors choose to ignore the plight of people with pushchairs, disabled people with scooters, cyclists and pedestrians, young and old?

No attempt was made to clear the redways during the recent inclement weather.

The redways and pathways are used as a necessity by the aforementioned people and the council has as much a duty of care to them as it has to road users.

I do hope people will have questions for their councillors when they come looking for their support in the May elections.

They should explain why they pay lip service to their own advice.

They constantly lecture people to get out of their cars and walk and cycle more – why then the bias towards car users?
Dick O'Brien
Coffee Hall

Health boost

SIR – With reference to the Change4life campaign, this is the best idea the Government has come up with, to get us all fit and healthy.

I myself have suffered from depression for last five years. I have felt like 'what's the point in losing weight and just find myself a prisoner in my own home?'.

This campaign (at HealthPro Personal Training, Linford Wood) is the boost and motivation needed to get me and everyone else out there.

Being free is the key and no limit to amount of sessions we can attend gives us a choice, not a contract like a gym.

I feel this is something new and exciting to look forward to.
Sharon Wonnacott
Sent by e-mail

Central cenotaph

SIR – I think it is great, and not before time, that MK appears to be getting around to building a monument to its war dead.

Such a move is long overdue and news that the building will be a cenotaph seems fitting.

Personally I think that the memorial needs to be centrally placed so that it is as accessible as possible for people.
Mr P Brown
Whaddon Way, Bletchley.

Steel – no deal

SIR – I can't help thinking that the 'Ring of Steel' project at the Dons stadium is turning into the city's white elephant.

After reading your paper last week I see that the council has decided to turn down a proposal to divert £100,000 of public arts funds to help it.

I think they have made the right decision. This is private artwork and not one that the taxpayer should have to pay for.

As for dangling the carrot of giving a free portait to Ashland residents if the money was freed up, this just smacks of desperation.

Maybe the money should have been put in place before this foolhardy project was given the go-ahead in the first place.
Name and address supplied

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Sled crash student loses fight for life

BY ROB GIBSON
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A STUDENT from Milton Keynes has lost her battle for life one month after sledging into a tree in Austria.

Former Denbigh student Urszula Grubb, 24, from Shenley Lodge, had been in a coma since Sunday, January 18, when the accident occurred on a mountain near Vienna.

She passed away at about 6pm on Friday and yesterday her parents, Richard and Halina, flew home to Milton Keynes.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said: "We can confirm that Urszula Grubb died at University Hospital in Vienna.

"We are providing consular assistance to her family."

Urszula's family, including her brother Michael and his partner Stephanie, all flew out to be at her bedside following the accident and praised the hospital for its support and care.

Her body will be flown back to the UK so that her family can hold her funeral in Milton Keynes.

Urszula was taking part in a one year student exchange in Austria, studying languages at Vienna University.

She was a former pupil of St Thomas Aquinas school in Bletchley and Denbigh School.

Urszula Grubb: Died after a sledging accident in Austria

Rail users group claims service is at all-time low

THE train operator which serves the city is the least punctual in the area.

Milton Keynes Rail Users Group has argued that since London Midland took over in 2007, the quality of service has hit record lows.

Figures released by Network Rail show that punctuality of services on London Midland have fallen to 71 per cent for their operations in the south east.

Even Milton Keynes Council has stepped in, with its External Scrutiny Panel set to discuss the matter at its meeting on March 30.

For services from Milton Keynes for the period ending January 3, punctuality plummeted to 68 per cent.

To be 'punctual' trains must arrive within 5 minutes of their scheduled arrival time.

Members of MK Rail Users have recently written to the Secretary of State for Transport setting out concerns, as part of its new Campaign for Real Rail.

Chairman of MK Rail Users, Philip Lawton, said: "Passengers are having a really tough time out there and it is getting worse. It comes as no surprise to anyone who uses London Midland that the level of service and fares charged are simply unacceptable."

A London Midland spokesman said: "Our performance has not been good enough and we have acknowledged this.

"The introduction of the new timetable was a major undertaking which involved staff having to work new shift patterns and learn new routes. Performance on the West Coast was also affected by the engineering works at Milton Keynes.

"Since the New Year London Midland and other West Coast operators' performance has been hit by the closure of the line due to the light aircraft crash in Staffordshire, overhead power lines coming down in Watford and Wembley, and power failures in Rugby and Bletchley.

"This disruption centred on the West Coast Mainline hitting operators who use this line the hardest.

"In recent weeks the extreme weather caused problems for train operators across the country and, although we advised passengers not to travel for a few days, we ran a twice-hourly service between Northampton/Milton Keynes and London.

"This has obviously affected our performance and we are working hard to improve our level of service. We are in contact with members of the Milton Keynes Rail Users' Group on a daily basis and in regular contact with Milton Keynes MPs."

■ **What do you think about train services in Milton Keynes? E-mail the newsdesk at letters@mk-news.co.uk**

Youths arrested after railway station attack

TWO 17-year-old youths have been arrested after a man was assaulted near Milton Keynes Central railway station.

At about 3.30am on Thursday, a 20-year-old man was attacked on the grass area outside the station in Elder Gate and sustained an injury to his right hand.

A youth from Stony Stratford and another from Fullers Slade have been arrested in connection with the assault and are currently on police bail.

Anyone with information can contact PC Sarah Pritchard on 08458 505505 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

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Inadequate care: German Shepherd Brody

Pet suffered flea infestation

A MOTHER and son from Conniburrow have pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a German Shepherd.

Tracey and Daniel Ward, from Marjoram Place, appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on Friday charged with failing to provide adequate veterinary care to their dog called Brody.

Janita Patel, RSPCA prosecutor, said it was found at their address on Tuesday, August 5 last year suffering from a severe flea allergy, had hair loss and was scratching furiously.

The court heard veterinary evidence that it had suffered for at least two months.

The defendants, who chose to represent themselves, said they had bought products to treat the flea infection.

Mrs Ward said: "We should have gone to the vet but there was a lot of circumstances that didn't help the situation. We could have handled it better but it wasn't malicious, we didn't do it on purpose."

They have been granted unconditional bail to return to the court for sentencing in March.

Life ban for woman who let dog go bald

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A WOMAN has been banned from keeping animals for life after letting a dog go bald.

Jemma Louise Nolan, 24, from Farmborough, Netherfield was also sentenced to complete 160 hours of community service at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on Friday.

Nolan previously pleaded guilty to causing unnecessary suffering to a Staffordshire bull terrier named Fie and a black female mongrel dog called Kissey.

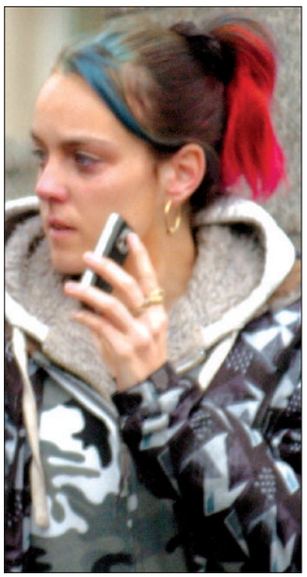
The court heard the bull terrier, which had to be put down, was suffering from a severe skin disease and was so bald RSPCA Inspector Dave Braybrooke was unable to say what colour it was.

Its skin was leathery, grey and covered in scabs due to infection.

Vet, Alice Courtney, said it had jaundice and a dangerously low heart rate and had suffered unnecessarily for months due to a lack of basic veterinary attention.

The second dog Kissey also had a skin disease with extensive hair loss across its head and lower legs and infection in its eyes.

Nolan, who cried and bowed her head throughout Friday's hearing, was sentenced on two charges of failing to provide veterinary treatment for the dogs between March 11, 2008 and March 28, 2008.



160 hours community service: Jemma Louise Nolan

Defending Danielle Moss said Fie belonged to her partner and had been in her care since March 11.

She claims she did seek veterinary advice from Pets at Home in Rooksley and bought products to treat the skin problem.

At the time she was pregnant with two young children and was in and out of hospital due to prolonged labour.

"From the outset she has been very tearful, upset and sorry for what has happened," said Miss Moss.

Nolan was given an eight week suspended custodial sentence, must serve 160 hours of community service over the next year and pay £500 of court costs.

She cannot appeal against the lifetime the ban on keeping animals for three years and will have to give up ownership of her cat.

Kissey has been signed over to the RSPCA and rehomed.

Insp Dave Braybrooke told MK NEWS he has never come across a dog that was as bald as Fie in 20 year working for the RSPCA.

"It was very upsetting to see and was caused by a very treatable allergic reaction to an insect," he said.

"Hopefully this sends a message that this sort of behaviour can't be allowed to continue and if anyone falls foul of the animal welfare act they can expect it will be dealt with as seriously."

Three charged with assault on taxi driver

THREE men have been charged in connection with the robbery and assault of a taxi driver.

Sylvan Novak, from Cottesloe Court, Stony Stratford, Callum Waterson, from Melton, Stantonbury, and Mathew Rogers, aged from Park Road, Stony Stratford, all 18 years old, were charged with robbery.

Matthew Rogers was remanded in custody and the other two men were released on bail.

They were due to appear at Huntingdon Crown Court today, February 25, for a preliminary hearing.

The charges relate to an incident at about 2.45am on Friday in Ridgeway, Stony Stratford, during which a taxi driver was robbed and assaulted. He sustained a broken cheekbone during the attack.

Muslim group

A POLICE group that will cultivate a better understanding of Islam was launched this week.

The Thames Valley Muslim Police Association will form links with communities and help Muslim police staff and officers working in Milton Keynes.

There is also adrive to recruit more people from black and Asian communities.

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City car parking rises to go ahead

BY LAURA HANNAM
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THE council is continuing with plans to put up the cost of city centre parking despite claims it will hit the city hard during the recession.

The cabinet has given the go ahead to revised proposals that delay part of the increases until next year in response to protestors' claims the council had not taken account of the economic downturn.

Conservative councillors say the charges should be frozen entirely to help retain the city's jobs and retail companies.

The council plans to raise the price of standard rate parking from 25p to 35p per hour in two phases of five pence, the first in May and the second in July 2010.

Premium rate parking will go up by 20p in May to coincide with the introduction of payment by mobile phone in these bays.

A scrutiny committee threw out the proposals after being asked to review them by more than 300 city residents and Conservative leader Andrew Geary.

The council's transport head Cllr Douglas McCall said the cabinet, which met last Tuesday, believes it has taken account of the recession by phasing in the new charges.

"Having met with business leaders we have agreed, due to the possible impact on the economy, to stagger the changes over two years," he said.

"We are also putting a total of £2million into schemes and projects to help lessen the impact of the recession."

Conservative transport spokesman Cllr David Hopkins, said: "All economic indicators are pointing to the fact Milton Keynes is in the top ten most vulnerable areas to the economic downturn.

"This is the wrong thing to be doing to concentrate on increasing parking charges for public transport when we should be concentrating on retaining jobs.

"We should be freezing the charges, which is the situation in other parts of the country."

Rita Spada, chief executive of the Milton Keynes and North Bucks Chamber of Commerce, said she is pleased the council has listened to business' concerns by phasing in the charges.

However, she is concerned about plans to bring in a workplace parking levy on businesses, which is still on the cards alongside plans to scrap free parking across the city centre.

"This really is the worst time for this to happen," she said.

The council is set to consult with the public in the coming months before it decides.

Robert Goodman, Centre Director of thecentre:mk, said: "During the current recession, we feel Milton Keynes Council should be doing everything in its power to help local businesses.

"We feel the council should've followed the lead of Aylesbury Vale District Council who have frozen car parking charges for the time being in order to help retailers in their area. However, the original car parking proposal had a variety of measures in it, of which this was just one, we shall therefore be very active in the coming months to try to ensure that Milton Keynes is protected as a retail destination."

Start made on bus stop info boards

BUS users are to get airport-style arrivals boards.

Work is due to begin on installing and testing a real time passenger information system (RTPI), to be known as Smartime, which will give up-to-date travel information on electronic boards.

Starting this month, three line signs will be installed in some of the most used stops on bus routes 4, 5, 7 and 8.

A further three line signs will be put in at some of the key destinations on other routes while large screen displays will also be set up at locations including thecentre:mk, Midsummer Place, Xscape, Bletchley Town Centre and Milton Keynes General Hospital.

There will be an initial trial period during which the signs will display test data before it goes live.

John Lewis, chief executive of Milton Keynes Partnership, said: "Milton Keynes has been waiting a long time for RTPI and the technical nature of the scheme makes it a challenging and complex project to deliver. The system must be tested thoroughly before RTPI is officially launched this summer."

Pele Bhamber, head of transport at Milton Keynes Council, said: "The council is looking at ways to improve the bus service in Milton Keynes and RTPI is one of a package of measures that will help to make buses more attractive to use.

"There are plans to invest more than £3 million into local bus services, on top of the £2 million already allocated by the council this year.

"The bus operator, Arriva, has also invested around £4.85 million since 2006 which shows that we are all committed to providing a high quality service for bus passengers."

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Out of the frying pan

Race winner Jane Hughes

PANCAKE racers took to the streets of Olney yesterday to take part in the world famous race.

Jane Hughes raced her way to victory in a time of 1 minute and 2 seconds.

Legend has it that the historic race started in 1445, when a harassed housewife dashed to Church after hearing the bells, while still clutching her frying pan containing a pancake.

Participants must be over eighteen, female and have lived in Olney for at least three months.

The apron-clad contestants race the 415 yards from the market place to the church.

The winner, on crossing the line, must toss her pancake where she is then greeted by the verger with the traditional kiss of peace.

As usual, the race attracted an impressive crowd to the market town.

Noel supports 'Heads High' campaign as Radcliffe School students watch the show

BY ROB GIBSON

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STUDENTS from Milton Keynes have set the benchmark for Noel Edmond's new campaign to inspire social change in Britain.

A group of youngsters from Radcliffe School, Wolverton, featured on Sky 1's new show, Noel's HQ, last week and are now receiving praise from all quarters.

Led by anti-bullying campaigner Alex Holmes, the group was invited to London to watch the show featuring Alex's 'Heads High' campaign.

Noel pledged his support for the campaign and the team were surprised when they were presented with extra facilities including hundreds of new T-shirts and a website with a specially designed logo.

Alex said: "It was a fantastic experience being part of such a great show, an experience which will definitely push me to take the campaign to new heights.

"It would be great to see every school doing what Radcliffe currently is.

"The young people at Radcliffe are doing a great job and still have many exciting plans and ideas themselves.

"The young people have inspired me and I hope that in turn, I've inspired them."

Alex Holmes with Radcliffe pupils and Noel Edmunds at Noel's HQ show

Alex is currently a Learning Mentor at Radcliffe and leads the Anti-Bullying initiative, which sees over 45 Student Anti-Bullying Ambassadors play a part in their school.

They aim to act as good role models and empower their peers to shape the world they live in.

Thanks to the latest publicity, a whole list of schools have signed up for the campaign, which also received the support of Dame Kelly Holmes.

Radcliffe Headteacher, John O'Donnell said: "We're delighted that the ethos of our school is so positive, and that students are confident in speaking up on such important issues.

"We're determined to maximise the impact of the campaign to ensure that all students enjoy their time at school."

Noel's HQ has been designed to inspire good deeds across the nation, from local projects to nationwide campaigns; from light-hearted stories to heart warming stories of generosity and bravery.

Mr Edmonds described Alex as 'an impressive young man' who has challenged the problem.

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The Climb Your Mountain team ready start their trek to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro

Charity group scales the heights

A GROUP of people from across Milton Keynes have climbed the highest mountain in Africa to help people conquer their mental health issues.

Seven men and two women went on a ten day trek up the 19,000ft Mount Kilimanjaro, in Tanzania, and raised a total of £12,000 for local charity Climb Your Mountain.

Two of the party, which returned to Milton Keynes last week, were using the experience to combat mental health issues such as depression, stress and anxiety through challenging physical activity. The rest were volunteers supporting them on their journey and raising funds and awareness for the charity.

They were joined on the 45 mile trek by Climb Your Mountain founder Charlie Wardle, from Monkston.

"It was very difficult," said Mr Wardle.

"It took seven days to climb the mountain walking up to six hours per day.

"In the final climb to the summit we walked 20 hours out of 36."

Only four managed to reach the top as others were forced to drop out due to altitude sickness or other health problems, but the group all had 'an experience of a lifetime'.

"The money raised will go towards helping more people beat depression or low self esteem," added Mr Wardle.

The charity is to organise five trips up Snowdon this summer, two up Ben Nevis and others to the Lake District, Peak District, Chilterns and the Cotswolds.

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Players gutted by club shed inferno

BY LAURA HANNAM
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THE shed of a football club has burnt to the ground destroying thousands of pounds worth of equipment.

The 200 youngsters who play for City Colts FC have lost their goals, bibs, line marking machines and other kit in the blaze.

Club secretary Mick Schwartz said the children and parents involved in the club are 'devastated' and has called for help from other teams or companies.

Firefighters were called to the shed, next to the sports pavilion at Tanfield Lane, Middleton in the early hours of Tuesday, February 17.

Two crews attended, from Broughton and Newport Pagnell, at around 2am and used two water jets and a hose reel to put out the flames.

Mr Schwartz, who is landlord of the neighbouring pavilion, said the shed contained up to ten thousand pounds worth of equipment including goal posts worth more than three thousand pounds and a generator used to run stalls at the football club's annual football festival.

There was also a fridge freezer, a hot water urn and a small amount of kit belonging to Milton Keynes Cricket Club.

Young members of MK City Colts in front of their burnt-out shed

Mr Schwartz was forced to rearrange last weekend's matches.

"We have 200 kids who play football whose whole season will be disrupted," he said.

"We've spent a lot of time over the years raising money to buy all the equipment and its just gone up, which is really really sad."

"We are not sure what we are going to do; hopefully we can get some help from other clubs and the league.

"We have got to somehow borrow equipment.

"We are only half way through the season and we have got a lot of matches to play."

Martin Cross, chairman of Milton Keynes Cricket Club, said it would be looking into providing more permanent storage facilities in the area, but would need to raise funds to do so.

"If anyone can help us with this it would be appreciated," he said.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire.

■ Any company or club that can donate equipment or help the football club can contact Mr Schwartz on 0800 141 2905 or e-mail mkvpavilion@btinternet.com

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A NEW fleet of street cleaners and waste collection trucks is to hit the streets next week.

Sixty new vehicles, branded in Milton Keynes Council's green and white livery, are to be brought in by the city's new waste contractor Serco.

The company will take over the £75million contract from Cory Environmental Ltd on Monday.

At first the visible affect on residents will be minimal as collection days will remain the same.

One immediate change is that Serco has agreed not to pile up black and pink sacks ahead of collections as this causes litter, attracts vermin and obstructs the pavements.

In July Milton Keynes Council and Serco will begin to introduce free weekly combined food and garden waste collections across the city.

The council hopes the scheme, which has been trialled successfully in Bradwell Common for three years, will help reach their target of recycling 50 percent of all waste by 2020.

The authority now recycles 36 per cent, already above the current national target of 30 per cent.

Andy Hudson, chief waste management engineer, said the extra £35million cost of Serco compared to the previous seven-year Cory contract is due to 'growth and inflation' and the new services should save money in the long-term as taking waste to landfill gets more and more expensive.

■ To find out more visit www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/envservices or call 01908 252570.

Shenley's zero heroes

RESIDENTS dug deep to help reduce waste in Shenley Church End.

Around 300 locals attended the Zero Waste Day on Saturday at Shenley Leisure Centre.

The community event formed the highlight of the Zero Waste Project, led by the Recycling team at Milton Keynes Council.

A team of volunteers helped clean out the local pond while children looked for pond life in water samples. The local community charity shop offered a swap stall for books and dvds, plus there was advice about everything from washable nappies and energy saving, to home composting and recycling.

Shenley Church End was chosen as one of only six areas across the country for the pioneering project aimed at doing everything possible to reduce waste at home, in the workplace and in the community.

Each household in Shenley Church End is currently being visited by council staff, offering advice on recycling and reducing waste they hope to complete this by mid-March.

The Zero Waste Project hopes to see recycling increase among both residential and commercial properties to 50 per cent - prior to the start of the project, residential recycling in Shenley Church End was at 33 per cent.

At the end of the project in April, the council will monitor waste levels to see what impact the project has had it is hoped that any lessons learnt will be applied across the borough at a later date.

MK Dons Community Ambassador Paul Mitchell supported the event, doing the prize drawer, together with friendly plastic bottle character PET Pete and Strider the dog.

Top prizes included an i-pod Shuffle courtesy of John Lewis, family ticket to see the MK Dons and a family theatre ticket to see the Tiger who came to tea.

■ For more information, visit the special Zero Waste website www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/zerowaste or call 01908 254663.

Paul Mitchell with PET Pete at Zero Waste day in Shenley

Council installs another drinks carton recycling bank

CITY residents have another recycling bin to remember as the council calls for more drinks cartons.

Milton Keynes Council has installed a recycling bank for drinks cartons at Benbow Court in Shenley Church End, as part of the Zero Waste initiative.

With six drinks carton recycling banks now available, the council has joined a national pledge to encourage more people to recycle their drinks cartons.

Cartons cannot be placed into pink recycling sacks but the carton recycling banks installed last year means they are now being recycled through collection bins at Asda in Denbigh North, the Kingston Centre in Kingston, Tesco in Wolverton, New Brawell Community Recycling Centre, and Newport Pagnell Community Recycling Centre.

Cartons must be washed and squashed before recycling, and only paper-based liquid food and drinks cartons can be put in the recycling bins. The council is encouraging residents to pledge to recycle their cartons by visiting www.tetrapakrecycling.co.uk/ipledge and clicking on the "I Pledge To Recycle My Cartons" button.

When residents make their online pledge, they will see it come to life in the shape of a new carton sitting on a tree, alongside the pledges of other committed recyclers from across the country.

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‘Giving’ teenager died in car crash

THE family of a teenager who died after a car crash in Whaddon say he was a ‘giving and generous’ person.

Thomas Hughes, 19, from Manor Road, Newton Longville died in hospital on Sunday, February 15 after the car he was driving crashed into a tree on Coddimore Lane.

He had recently left his girlfriend’s house at 8.30pm driving a white Vauxhall Nova .

He was released by firefighters and airlifted to John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, where he later died.

Mr Hughes, who grew up in Newton Longville, left Cedars Upper School in Leighton Buzzard this summer and took up a full-time sales assistant post at Dobbies Garden Centre near Bletchley.

A statement from the family, issued by Thames Valley Police, said members of the communities of Newton Longville, Leighton Buzzard and the surrounding area are mourning his loss.

‘Tom loved all sports and represented his school in a host of different sports and activities; he was a prominent member of Leighton Buzzard Hockey Club, playing regularly in the men’s teams’, the statement said.

‘A giving and generous person, Tom took part in many schemes where he could help people of all ages, including providing respite care for Mencap and being a regular sports leader at local schools where he taught sports activities for after school groups.

‘Part of his giving nature only came to light after the accident when the family were told that he had signed up online to be an organ and tissue donor.

‘Tom leaves behind a loving mother and father and two sisters with whom he was very close; a loving girlfriend; large extended family and a huge circle of friends, many of whom have already left tributes online for him’.

Anyone who witnessed the collision or saw the vehicle prior to the incident is asked to call PC Mark Edwards or Sgt Keith Lavery at Aylesbury Roads Policing Department on 08458 505505, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Those who would like to pass a message to the family or enquire about the funeral can send an e-mail to toms-friends@hotmail.co.uk

Thomas Hughes: The car he was driving crashed into a tree on Coddimore Lane, Whaddon

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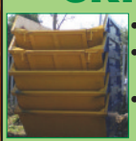

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Police pull 60 drivers in seat belt operation

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Police officers blitz drivers in Olney for not wearing seat belts

ROADS policing officers launched a crackdown on motorists not wearing seat belts.

Twelve police officers began the high-profile campaign in Olney last Wednesday.

The operation, in the High Street, was part of the European TISPOL seat belt campaign being run across Europe.

The police pulled over more than 60 drivers in two hours.

Plain clothes officers stood each end of the high street on the look out for motorists breaking the law and radioed back to their uniformed colleagues who pulled the driver over.

Fifty-nine drivers were stopped for not using their seat belts, four of whom were issued with £30 fixed penalty notices.

The other 55 opted to take on-the-spot safety advice provided by Milton Keynes Council road safety officers.

Another nine motorists were stopped for using mobile phones while driving and received extended fixed penalties of £60 and three points on their licence.

One driver had his car seized after officers found he had no licence, insurance, tax or MOT – he is expected to appear in court.

Sergeant Chris Appleby said: "The purpose of the checks is to raise awareness of people with regards to the use of their seat belts whilst they are in vehicles, both in the front and the back.

"It is critical that people do wear their seat belts.

"Somewhere in the region of 20 to 30 people a year in Thames Valley die basically because they haven't worn their seat belt.

"We think that's too many people and we want to make a difference to that."

RSPCA 'speed dating' day finds homes for 30 cats

THIRTY cats were successfully rehomed when the RSPCA staged a speed dating service for felines.

Volunteers at the Milton Keynes and North Bucks RSPCA hosted special 'speed dates' with the centre's cats on St Valentine's Day weekend.

To add to the ambience they added romantic music and subdued lighting while visitors were introduced to the cats.

One volunteer for the centre in Newport Pagnell, Jean Kelly, said: "We were incredibly busy the whole weekend. In the end, we were running out of cats and had to start booking appointments for this weekend. "Practically all the cats that could be re-homed were.

"In excess of 30 cats got new homes."

The RSPCA is hosting a rabbit awareness and re-homing day on March 1, which will also include homeless hares and guinea pigs.

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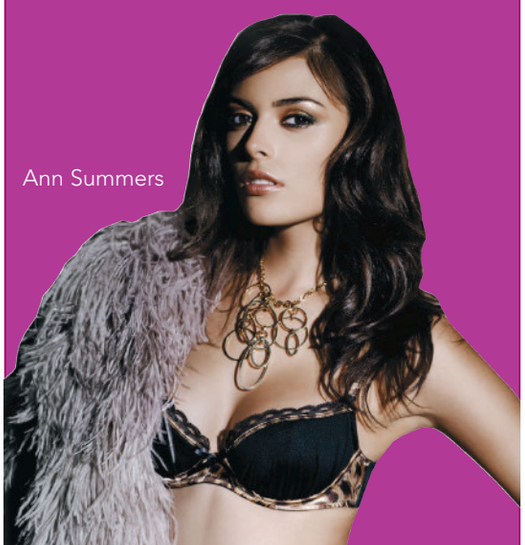

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Enter the dragon

A CHINESE dragon boat sailed into the shopping centre this weekend.

The full-sized boat was displayed at Midsummer Place in anticipation of the biggest team event in Milton Keynes – the Dragon Boat Festival, which will take place at Willen Lake on June 28.

Shoppers were able to talk to staff about any aspect of the festival, including how to become a participating team.

Teams of up to 17 people are invited to paddle the ornate Chinese dragon boats in an event which

Up to 60 crews are expected to battle it out over the 200m race course, watched by several thousand spectators.

Participating crews will be seeking to knock Lifestyle Express representing Landmark Wholesale off their pedestal as the 2008 champions.

Sponsor Easycopiers has chosen World Vision, the relief and development organisation, as its festival charity.

Managing director of Easycopiers, Adam Macintyre, said: "We are always keen to support local and national charities when possible and after participating in this year's Dragon Boat Festival we felt that we would like to be more involved.

"Now we have taken on the commitment to sponsor the Festival for the next three years".

For more information about how to take part go to www.dragonboatfestivals.co.uk/miltonkeynes

Dragon boat 421 in Midsummer Place

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Record store finally closes

THE city's Zavvi store has finally closed after missing out on company buy-outs.

After making it through several rounds of closures the Milton Keynes shop closed last Wednesday (February 18) after the joint administrators for the record store announced that it was not one of those purchased by HMV Music Limited or Head Entertainment LLP.

This meant another hit to the city's retail staff as 35 permanent Zavvi employees lost their jobs.

HMV has purchased 19 stores in the UK and Ireland and eight stores have been sold to Head Entertainment LLP.

The sale of all remaining stock means that Zavvi trading ceased last week, resulting in the closure of the remaining Zavvi stores and the loss of 446 jobs across the country.

Tom Jack, from administrator Ernst and Young said: "I would like to thank all of Zavvi's staff and customers for their commitment and continued support for the business throughout the administration."

Drug dealer awaits sentence

A TEENAGER has pleaded guilty to possession of Class-A drugs with intent to supply.

Aaron Sharpen, 19, of Sutherland Grove, Bletchley, appeared at Huntingdon Crown Court on Wednesday charged with four counts relating to illegal drugs.

He also pleaded guilty to possession of Class-C drugs but denied possessing Class-C drugs with intent to supply.

Judge Neil McKittric adjourned the case and Sharpen will be sentenced later this month.

Car dealer 'approved'

AZ Car Sales in Mount Farm has become the first car retailer to successfully enter Milton Keynes Trading Standards' approved trader scheme.

The Buy With Confidence scheme was piloted in the Home Improvement sector and the roll out to car traders began towards the end of 2008.

AZ Car Sales applied to join and had to fulfil the requirements of the scheme before being successfully approved, such as having a sound customer complaints procedure.

Trading Standards carried out background checks on the company, a full inspection of the site and selected at random some of AZ Car Sales previous customers, who provided excellent references.

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Code-crackers set to grow their own

BY ROB GIBSON
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THE home of the Second World War code breakers will be digging for victory once again but this time it aims to save the environment.

Bletchley Park is about to start growing its own food to supply fresh fruit and vegetables for its restaurant.

Most people will be familiar with the Second World War expression, 'dig for victory', which encouraged people to grow their own food rather than rely on food imported by ships across the Atlantic that were vulnerable to attack by German U-boats.

The code breakers at Bletchley Park played a vital part in locating and neutralising these enemy U-boats.

Now the Park is calling for volunteers from to help out with some gardening this spring, so if you fancy digging for victory call Bletchley Park on 01908 640404.

Whistling flasher had trousers round knees

A FLASHER exposed himself to a mother and daughter as they walked through a park.

Police launched an appeal for information on Wednesday after the incident at Furzton Lake last Friday, February 13.

A 58-year-old woman and her 36-year-old daughter were walking around the lake when they heard someone whistle.

When the daughter turned she saw a man stood on a bridge with his trousers down around his knees, exposing himself.

The offender is white, in his late 20s or early 30s, 6ft tall with short, wavy strawberry-blonde hair, wearing green or grey jogging bottoms, a matching hooded top and beige suede-style boots.

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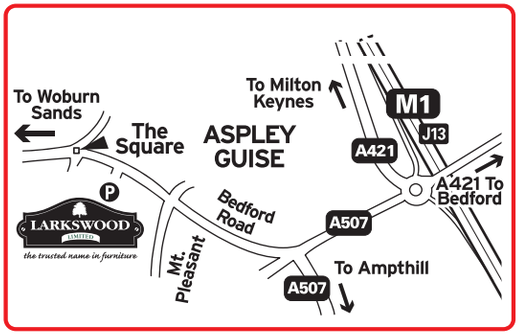

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MELISSA JANE DONOVAN
'Prue'

6th November 1959 - 23rd February 2007
It's been two years since you have gone.
We do not need a special day to bring you to our minds,
The days we do not think of you are very hard to find,
Each morning when I awake I know that you are gone,
And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on.
My heart still aches with sadness and secret tears still flow,
What it meant to lose you no one will ever know,
My thoughts are always with you, your place no one can fill,
In life we loved you dearly in death we love you still.
Bash, Lisa and Carolyn

DANIEL SHEPPARD
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A daily thought, a silent tear, a constant wish that you were here.
Love and miss you more than words can say.
Love Mum, Dad, Ben and Megan xxx

MARGARET RANSON
'Maggie'
27th February 2003
It was Heaven in your arms,
And the sweetness of your charms,
That make us love you still as much each day,
In our hearts you'll always stay.
Nick, Ben, Lil & Harley xxxx

EDWARD BAINES
'Ted'
In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away on 24th February 2008.
Gone are the days we used to share,
But in our hearts you are always there,
So many memories so lovingly kept,
Of someone so special to ever forget.
Love Dot, David & Mary

NEIL CRAWLEY
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Love Sean, Simon, Becky and Jay xxxx

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ELLEN STRINGER 'Nellie'
Loving wife, mother and nana
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Aub, Jane & Allen, Sean, Fiona & Neil

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God bless Dave
Love Pam xxx

SAM ALLISON
22nd February 2004
We speak your name and mention you often, We miss you Sam, you are never forgotten.
With love Edna and family xxx

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24th February 2005
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Win Love2Shop vouchers with Cash for Trash

FROM next week, Cash for Trash, the council's incentive scheme rewarding residents who recycle, has a new sponsor and prize.

New refuse and recycling contractor Serco takes over from Cory Environmental, and has agreed to carry on sponsorship of Cash for Trash, offering £100 of Love2Shop gift vouchers to residents recycling correctly.

Every week, representatives from the council and Serco will visit a household chosen at random looking for pink sacks and blue boxes containing the right items.

Lucky winners will receive a £100 Love2Shop gift voucher which can be spent at a whole host of retail and food and drink outlets and even used for holidays and day trips.

The Love2Shop gift voucher is flexible and easy to use and can be redeemed as full or part payment in stores such as Argos, Boots, Comet, Iceland, Wilkinson, HMV, Homebase, JJB, River Island, New Look, BHS, WH Smith, Waterstones, Principles, Warehouse and Dolcis to name just a few.

It can also be used for great days out in places like Alton Towers, Madame Tussauds, Warwick Castle, Legoland, Blackpool Pleasure Beach, Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventures and many more.

For more information on the vouchers visit www.high-streetvouchers.com/gift-vouchers/love2shop-vouchers.

Cash for trash winner: Mrs Langford, Downs Barn

Cllr Chris Williams, the council's cabinet member responsible for the Environment, said: "We are delighted that Serco has agreed to carry on sponsorship of our extremely successful Cash for Trash recycling promotion.

"This will allow us to continue rewarding residents who are helping us to divert waste from landfill, keeping down our costs and helping the environment."

Our other sponsor Community Waste, which operates our recycling facility, will continue to give away a £100 cheque each week.

Recently we've been out on the dark mornings in Downs Barn, Emerson Valley, Medbourne, Bletchley, Monkston and Stony Stratford (not pictured).

■ To find out more about the Cash for Trash scheme, see a gallery of some of our recent winners and to check out the rules in full, visit: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/cashfortrash.

Hannah Barklamb, Downs Barn

Winner: Fern Jacobson, Bletchley

Fran Moore, Emerson Valley

Winner: Amanda Clark, Monkston

Winner: Sandy Annells, Medbourne

Winner: Alan and Brenda Ross, Bletchley

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Cory Environmental, who collect MK's recycling, have pledged £100 per week in prize money in addition to the £100 provided by Community Waste Ltd.

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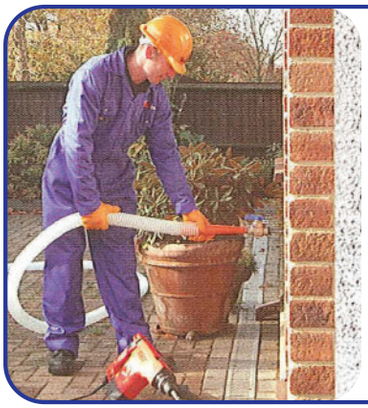

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School twinning quest

ALL the schools in the city are being asked to 'twin' with another school in Africa.

City MP Mark Lancaster launched an initiative to encourage twinning after visiting Uganda recently in his role as Shadow Minister for International Development.

Following his trip, during which he visited Kitante Primary School in Kampala (above), he said: "Almost every child I met wanted to read to me a letter they had received from a pen pal from a twinned school in Rotherham and the joy on their faces was unbelievable. It struck me as a tremendous way to encourage greater links and understanding for our young people in Milton Keynes.

"I know that some local schools already have links abroad but some, especially the newer schools in the city do not and I want to try to help rectify that."

Mr Lancaster, who has written to all local head teachers about the idea, also secured the help of the British Council which operates in many African countries and has agreed to help find suitable schools to twin with.

Back in the swim

SWIMMING is back on the curriculum at Stantonbury Campus.

The pool has reopened after eight weeks following major repair work.

As well as replacing the underground pipes, which had a huge leak, the pool has also been repainted.

Stantonbury Campus receives no additional funding but Milton Keynes Council will be making a financial contribution towards the total estimated cost of £150,000 for the project.

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Visit the slide rule show

THE UK's largest public exhibition of slide rules has been unveiled at The National Museum of Computing at Bletchley Park.

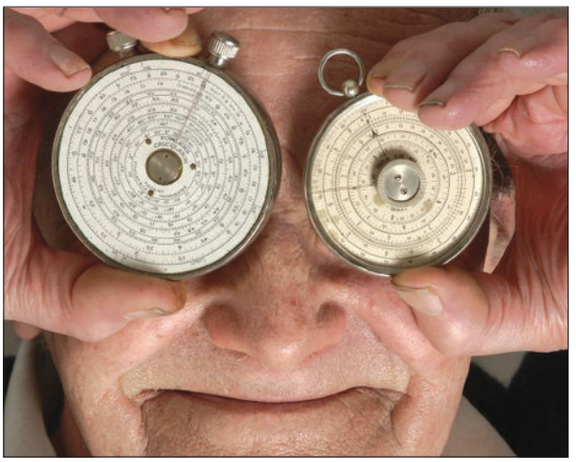
The museum's latest exhibition celebrates the diversity of slide rules, which died out in the 1960s with the advent of electronic computers and calculators.

Curated by the UK Slide Rule Circle (UKSRC), the display of more than 40 British slide rules spans three centuries and shows the variety of shapes, sizes, materials, and purposes of this sophisticated calculating device.

The earliest exhibit is the wooden Gunter's Rule, first used in the mid 17th century by navigators and astronomers, and the most recent is a 1960s/70s Photographic Interpreters' slide rule made by Blundell Harling.

Colin Barnes, from UKSRC, said: "For 350 years the slide rule was the world's pre-eminent calculating device and its design needed remarkably little modification to maintain its dominance.

"They are marvellous pieces of engineering and craftsmanship and the display at The National Museum of Computing pays tribute to slide rule designers and users across the centuries."



■ The UKSRC and TNMOC have published a ten-page booklet, A Brief History and Types of Slide Rule, available for £5 (including p&p) at www.tnmoc.org

Free theatre tickets for under-26-year-olds

YOUNG people can now have a free trip to Milton Keynes Theatre.

The venue is offering free tickets to people aged under 26 as part of an Arts Council scheme called 'A Night Less Ordinary'.

Milton Keynes Theatre successfully bid to take part in the scheme, which will provide 618,000 free theatre tickets to anyone aged 25 or under in more than 200 venues across England.

Tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis on selected performances.

They are already available for Pack of Lies, a thrilling drama with Jenny Seagrove; West End hit God Of Carnage starring Richard E Grant; and the hilarious Boeing Boeing.

Elizabeth Adlington, the theatre's chief executive said: "This innovative scheme fully supports our existing commitment to reach young people in our community through our creative learning programmes and the reduced price schemes already in place."

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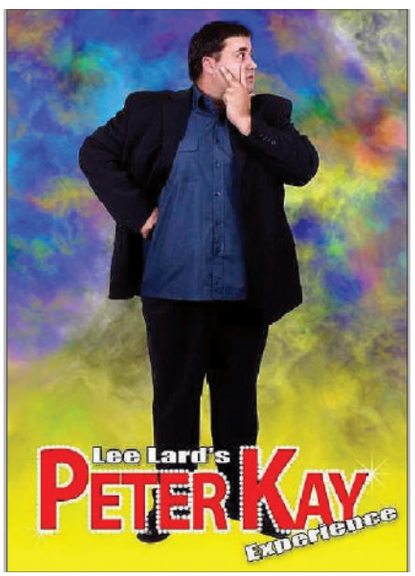

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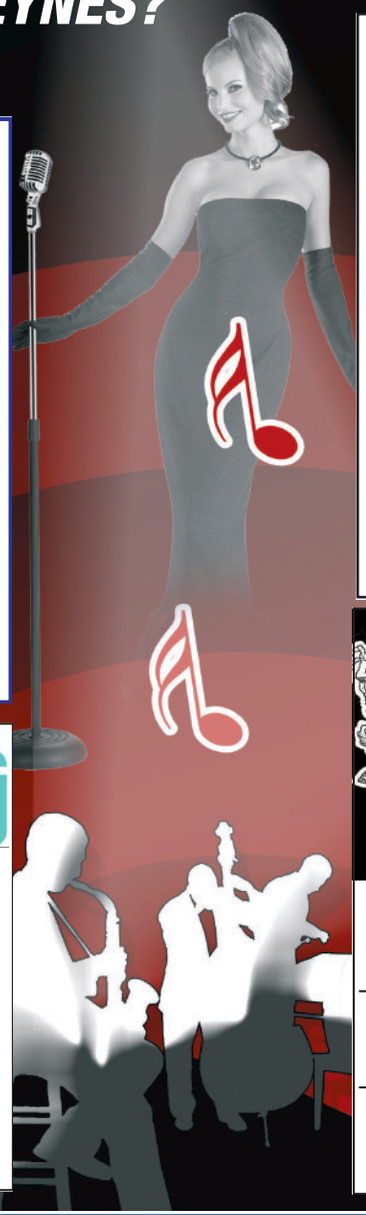

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More bosses at MK Hospital

THREE new health chiefs have joined Milton Keynes Hospital.

Marketing professional Jenny Hawksworth, businesswoman, Dr Ann Limb and financial expert Philip Smith have been appointed as non-executive directors.

Hospital chairman, Dr Walter Greaves, said: "We're delighted to welcome three skilled and very experienced non executives to further strengthen the trust's board of directors.

"Strong leadership is essential to ensure that our hospital continues to improve services for the benefit of local people."

Jenny Hawksworth works as head of voice at BT Business, which provides IT services to 1.1million customers.

She is also involved in the Woburn Sands Neighbourhood Action Group

Jenny Hawksworth

Philip Smith

Dr Ann Limb

and her two children were born at the hospital.

Mrs Hawksworth said: "Having recovered from breast cancer I have personal experience of being a patient, and understand the importance of delivering quality care to each and every patient.

"I'm very keen to put something back into the community and use my expertise to support the direction of the trust."

Dr Ann Limb spent the first half of her career working in education, including 14 years as principal and chief executive of Milton Keynes College and Cambridge Regional College.

She is chairman of Milton Keynes Partnership, non -executive director of HMGCC Hanslope Park, chairman of Milton Keynes Arts for Health and a governor at Milton Keynes Academy.

Dr Limb said: "I've been closely involved with the hospital over the past two years.

"Having lived in the local area for 23 years I am interested in ensuring that the hospital develops strategically as the city grows.

"We need to provide care for both an ageing and a growing population and ensure that staff have the capability to deliver the highest standards of care."

Philip Smith retired from National Power eight years ago and is now chairman of MK Business Leaders Partnership and the Institute of Directors (IoD).

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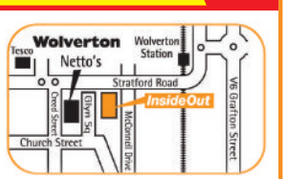

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Carer award nominations

CITY residents can thank their carers by entering them into a national award.

The People's Award for Dignity in Care has been created to officially say thank you to our health and social care staff.

Jane Mcvey, director of human resources at Milton Keynes Primary Care Trust said: "This award recognises teams or individuals who work in health and social care and have gone the extra mile to deliver care with compassion and dignity."

The nominations close on March 6 and ten regional finalists will be selected to go through to the final in July.

You can nominate at www.dignityin-care.org.uk or by calling 0870 0001100.

Cabbies caught

FRIDAY 13th was a very unlucky day for two minicab drivers who were caught illegally plying for hire and driving without insurance in Milton Keynes.

Mian Asif, 34, of Bodle Close, Pennylands and Rahoof Rashid, 37, from Luton both appeared before city magistrates last week to admit both offences.

They were each fined £100 for each offence and asked to pay £477.82 costs.

The magistrates also imposed six penalty points on their driving licences.

The court heard the pair, working for Skyline, were caught, along with ten others, during an undercover operation where licensing officers posed as customers getting into cabs.

The other ten drivers, licensed by South Northamptonshire Council, are due to appear at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court in the near future.

Public transport tax

MILTON Keynes Council says a chunk of its proposed 3.9 per cent increase in council tax will improve public transport.

The Lib Dem administration wants to ring-fence 0.5 per cent for the improvements.

It will also be investing £1million in service priorities that were supported by the public in a recent budget consultation.

The move, which they say is below the national average, comes despite increased demand for services as a result of the recession, according to Cllr Sam Crooks, cabinet member for finance.

He said: "This year there are no service cuts in our budget and we will again exceed Government efficiency targets."

Gypsy site plans refused

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a gypsy site in a picturesque village have been refused.

The proposal for a Romany Gypsy caravan site of three mobile homes in an 'area of attractive landscape' opposite the cemetery in Bedford Road, Lavendon was fiercely opposed by residents, who sent 430 letters of objection.

However, the council's Development Control Committee refused it not because officers said it would have a 'significant and detrimental impact on the character of the countryside', but because of fears over road safety.

It was also feared that allowing this site would set a precedent for similar sites in the area.

Missing persons found

TWO missing persons have been found after police received help from the public and the media.

Last week MK NEWS reported that 13-year-old Scott Zubiena was missing in Milton Keynes and published a photo of him in the hope that someone could help trace him.

Scott had not been seen since February 9 but on Wednesday Thames Valley Police said they had found him safe and well in the city and thanked the media and public for their assistance.

In a separate case, Andrew Dunne was reported missing to police but he too has now been found safe and well, in Bedford.

Bletchley memories wanted for artwork

BY ROB GIBSON
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ARTISTS are hoping to bring a touch of culture to Bletchley with two new pieces.

Artworks by Vanessa Dell will enhance the entrance areas to the new Leisure Centre, on the walls, glass and floors.

Vanessa is now appealing for residents of the town to help her with their memories in order to build an idea of the area's history and culture.

The works are set to greet visitors from April 2009 and are commissioned through Public Art funds.

Another sculpture, by Mark Haywood, is set for Stanier Square and will be in the shape of an archway providing a framed view of Queensway through the trees .

That piece, commissioned by the Bletchley Development Board, is part of the Bletchley regeneration scheme run by Milton Keynes Council.

Jaime Jackson, public art co-ordinator at the council, said: "Milton Keynes has one of the largest collections of publicly-sited artworks in the country.

"Mark and Vanessa will provide unique pieces that will help revive the Queensway area in Bletchley and also complement the new leisure centre building."

Vanessa met with young people from Milton Keynes Youth Service in Bletchley to design a poster advertising the project.

She said: "Talking to these people will inform my ideas. It's going to be a lovely project and there's some scope to make a difference to the architectural feel of the building."

Vanessa has already met with some of the town's older residents and has planned a visit to Bletchley Park.

If you want to find out more about the artworks there will be a Bletchley Forum presentation at Milton Keynes Bletchley Campus on Tuesday, March 19, from 6.30pm to 8pm in Room 215B.

■ If you have memories to pass on, contact books will be available at the Bletchley Development Board Office, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council and West Bletchley Town Council's Offices from March 2 until March 31.

Joseph West and Vanessa Dell with some of the young people involved in the design project

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Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School pupils hand over the oxygen saturation monitor to neonatal unit staff

A top performance

A PERFORMING arts school has raised hundreds of pounds for a neonatal unit.

The Myra Tiffin Performing Arts School raised £500 from a raffle held at their production in 2008, which will buy a hand-held oxygen saturation monitor for the MK Hospital neonatal unit.

This monitor is to be used for babies who require home oxygen to enable their oxygen requirements to be monitored while at home.

The more monitors they have the more babies can be sent home to be with their families, and the new one went straight to a baby who had just been discharged from hospital after being presented to nurses from the unit.

Principal Myra Tiffin thanked Stony Stratford and other Milton Keynes companies, parents and friends who donated prizes and made the purchase of this piece of equipment possible.

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Blue and Red Watch crew members with Assistant Chief Fire Officer Denis O'Driscoll and area manager Mick Martin after receiving their certificates

Firefighters awarded

BY LAURA HANNAM
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FIREFIGHTERS from three stations have been thanked for rescuing two people from a fire.

The Blue Watch crews from Broughton Fire Station and Great Holm Fire Station and Red Watch from Newport Pagnell Fire Station have been presented with awards following their actions at a fire in Penryn Avenue, Fishermead, (right) last September.

The crews were called to a three-storey house after a fire broke out in the kitchen.

Four adults managed to leave the house by the front door, but a man and a woman were unable to get down the stairs from the top floor because of thick smoke.

Firefighters used a 13.5 metre ladder to lead them to safety out of a bedroom window.

Six firefighters entered the building wearing breathing apparatus to carry out a thorough search and to put out the fire.

The crews were presented with framed certificates by Assistant Chief Fire Officer Denis O'Driscoll at Broughton Fire Station.

ACFO O'Driscoll said: "I would like to praise the professional excellence of the crews, who worked quickly and thoroughly to prevent it from becoming an even more serious incident."

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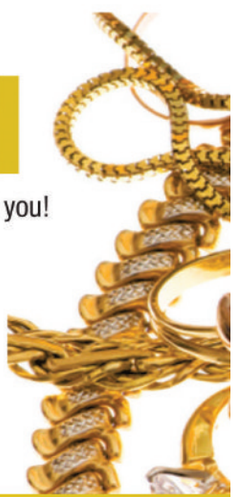

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SINGLE female, 46, 5ft 7ins, brown hair, seeks guy of similar age to share life with. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 350338**

BLONDE female, seeks gent 35 plus for fun and friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 348900**

SINCERE female, attractive, young 60's, N/S, GSOH, varied interests, seeks similar gent, 50-60's for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 306952**

FEMALE mid 40's, dark hair, blue eyes, likes nights in, cinema, meals out, seaside, seeks genuine, kind, N/S male for friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 347716**

ATTRACTIVE black, professional female, 27, seeks caring, professional white male, 27-35 for 1-2-1 relationship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 347686**

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43YR old black lady, divorced, single mum, seeks male for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 301932**

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21YR old female, seeks male for fun, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 293312**

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BLACK adventurous female, 25, Christian, likes travel, outdoors, music, cooking, seeks white male, 28-40 to share life with. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 309309**

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5FT 9ins female, 64, attractive, slim, likes countryside, nights in, days out, seeks sincere, caring male for friendship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 281518**

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SINGLE mum, 34, 5ft 2ins, medium build, loyal, caring, considerate, honest, likes country walks, seeks similar male, 34-45 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 270122**

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36YR old divorced female, GSOH, likes motor bikes, clubs, meals out, seeks male, 29-59 for romance and relationship. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 293228**

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ATTRACTIVE black female, 39, single mum, outgoing, slim, seeks genuine, N/S white guy for LTR. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 239894**

CAROLE 45, divorced, N/S, brunette, slim-medium build, likes countryside, cinema, theatre, seeks male, 40-53 for friendship, maybe more. **Tel No: 0911 374 0222 Box No: 277630**

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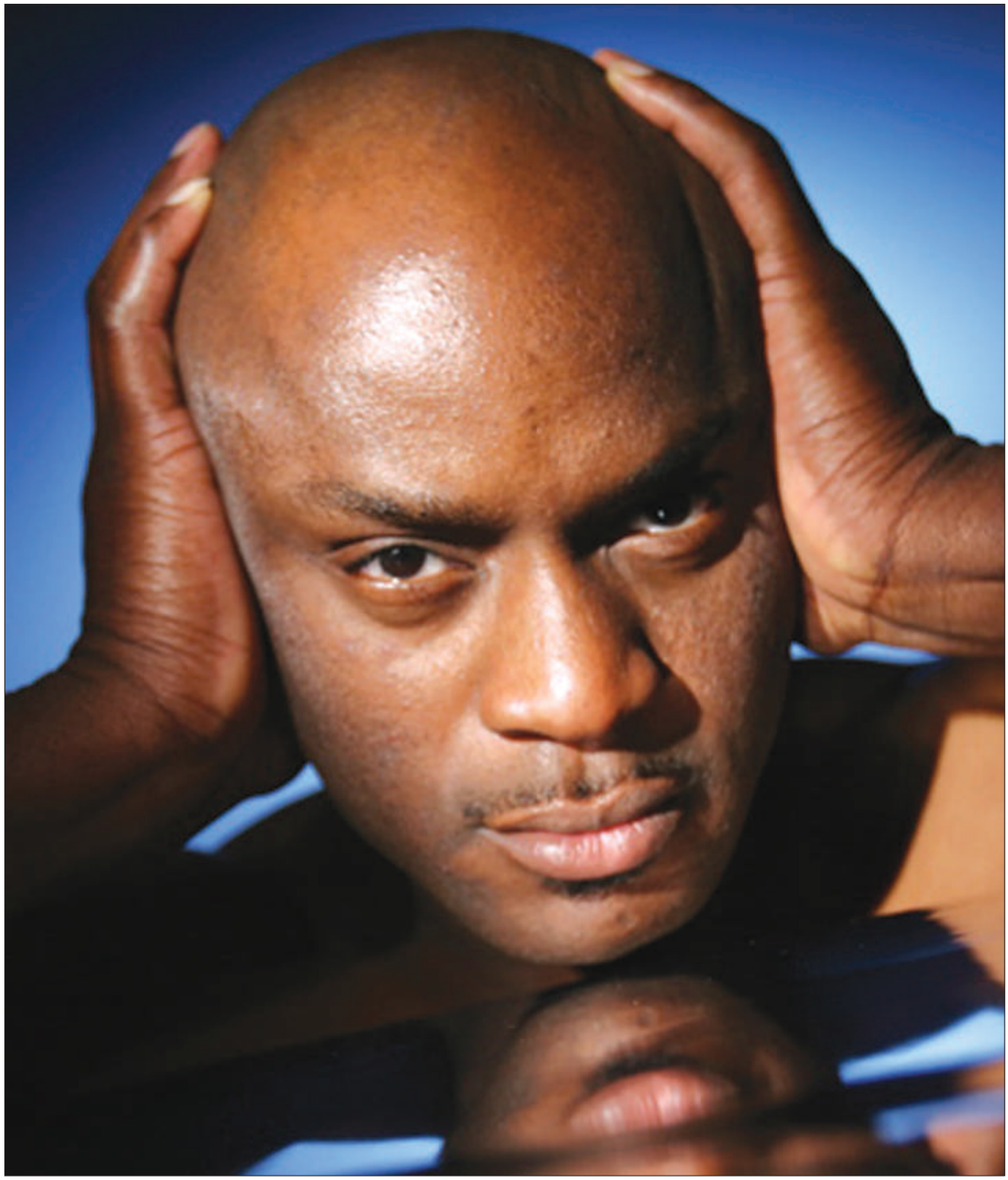

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Steve Coogan, Catherine Keener, David Arquette, Amy Poehler

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DANA Marschz (Coogan) is a failed actor-turned-high school drama teacher. When his department is threatened by budget cuts he creates a musical sequel to Hamlet that soon has the community and the school board on his back.

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FILM REVIEW

SLUMDOG Millionaire wins my award for the most misleadingly-marketed film of the year.

Dev Patel as Jamal

Far from the feel-good Bollywood hit you expect from the adverts, this is the realistic story of a boy from the slums who gets a shot at winning the Indian version of 'Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?'.

Indeed it is a colourful film -–but not with gaiety and song, but the patchwork of shanty towns from which this boy hails.

A world where orphans are maimed to become more successful as beggars is not advertised on the posters.

Nor is the fact that a teenager is tortured for suspected fraud – something that will not make it onto the blurb on the DVD box.

But defying expectations is what makes this a brilliant film.

As Jamal answers the questions on the gameshow we see flashbacks to his life as an impoverished boy fighting for survival in Mumbai.

The characters' plights and triumphs are not so much bitter-sweet as sweet-bitter. After all, the feeling of horror of slum life in Mumbai lasts longer than the joy felt for Jamal.

Because while you are left feeling satisfied the protagonist has reached the heights of 'Millionaire', you also remember the millions who do not.

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Entry to the evening is free but bucket collection will be made in aid of RNLI which was Matts chosen charity.

Matt was, of course, a Scot, hailing from East Neuk of Fife, with all the fishing towns which led to his long association with the RNLI.

While at university in St Andrews Matt started singing and songwriting for a bet with the late Ewan MacColl, who sang some of Matt's songs in the later years of his life.

His songs tend to be about 'home', the fishing trade and the lives of the fishermen, although he wrote on more general themes - anti-war, politics, parting and even the odd love song.

Matt's songs have passed into the repertoire of many a club, concert and festival singer and he's even heard them introduced as 'traditional' on broadcast radio.

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The Larry Miller Band features ex-Mariah Carey bassist Allan Penford and ex-Ian Anderson (Jethro Tull) Scott Hunter on the drums.
Tickets £7. Doors 7.30pm

THE STABLES 280800

KING PLEASURE & THE BISCUIT BOYS

Friday, February 27. 8pm.
KING Pleasure & the Biscuit Boys are more than just the world's greatest swing band, they're an institution! They've been on the road for two decades, played every European country as well as the USA and Russia and recorded 10 CDs.
Tickets £15

M1 MUSIC NIGHT

Nicky Prince & Tom Gamble
Friday, February 27. 8:45pm
TONIGHT the M1's got the funk. Nicky Prince was brought up on a hi-fi diet of Stevie Wonder, Millie Jackson, Gladys Knight, Sly Stone, Parliament and Funkadelic and it shows. Tom Gamble is a gifted jazz/acoustic fingerstyle and classical guitarist who mixes styles into a unique fusion of jazz and ambient acoustic, delicate and Metheny-esque then cool and groovy by turns, creating an amazing live sound.
Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

OLA ONABULE

Saturday, February 28. 8pm
Ola Onabule is arguably one of the finest soul-jazz singer-songwriters of his generation, with a four-and-a-half octave range voice that captivates his audiences with its sheer power and has lead to guest appearances with Al Jarreau, Gladys Knight, Patti LaBelle, Roberta Flack and many others.
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Sunday, March 1. 7.30pm
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Tickets £15, £17.50, under 25s £5

THE BLOW MONKEYS

Tuesday, March 3. 8pm
THE original four Blow Monkeys (Dr Robert, Mick Anker, Tony Kiley and Neville Henry) are reunited. Known for the huge hits Digging Your Scene, Wicked Ways, It Doesn't Have To Be This Way, Celebrate (with Curtis Mayfield) and Wait (with Kym Mazelle), their groovy, poppy, souly music formed the quintessential sound of the late 80s and early 90s. Now they're back with a tour and a new album Devil's Tavern.
Tickets £17.50

MARLENE VER PLANCK

Tuesday, March 3. 8.45pm
DOWNBEAT magazine called her "the singers' singer", the New York Times said "she may be the most accomplished interpreter of American popular music performing today" and as a busy studio singer in New York she's sung backup for everyone from Sinatra to Kiss
Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

CHARLIE LANDSBOROUGH

Wednesday, March 4. 8pm
CHARLIE'S rise to fame has been meteoric since his first big hit What Colour Is The Wind, and with his 5-piece band he's well known for keeping concert-goers enthralled.
Tickets £27, £29.50

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MKNEWS

Tuck up your tender veg in a raised bed

GARDENING **LIFE**

NO matter what the size of your garden, everyone can find room to grow some fresh vegetables or a few herbs for the kitchen table.

One of the most popular ways is to construct a raised bed. This can be done very easily by using wooden sleepers (sizes 240cm x 24cm x 12cm or 130cm x 24cm x 12cm) or by timber boards from a timber merchant (they need to be at least 4cm thick).

A raised bed has several advantages for growing vegetables as the soil is easier to work and care for crops.

BUILDING A RAISED BED

1. Clear site of all weeds and their roots.

Firm and level the area, mark out the size of the bed and any pathways. Use pressure-treated wood and pegs, or pressure treated sleepers. (If using sleepers it is wise to use a rustproof screws and a fixing bracket on the inside at each corner to give extra support).

2. Create the size of raised bed to suit your space, no wider than 120 cm (4ft).

3. If you are constructing more than one raised bed. Leave space for a path wide enough for a wheelbarrow. Use a spirit level to make use that your bed timbers are level.

SOIL

1. Cultivate the existing garden soil within the bed, adding plenty of organic matter. Or if the soil is not suitable for what you wish to grow, line the base with weed barrier material

2. Fill the raised bed with equal parts of a loam-based compost, a peat based multi-purpose compost and some composted organic material. Build the soil up in layers, lightly consolidating as you fill, to within a few centimetres of the top

3. Once the raised bed is full, turn the contents several times to make sure it is mixed well

There are a wide range of other containers that can be used to grow vegetables in a small space including, wooden half barrels, grow bags and hanging baskets.

Some vegetables can be grown along side ornamental flowers and shrubs such as:

■ Asparagus
Once you have stopped cutting crowns beautiful fluffy foliage remains for the summer and is ideal for cutting and using for flower arranging

■ Beetroot
The lovely dark crimson leaves which can contrast well with summer bedding plants

■ Brussels Sprout Red Delicious
Colourful purple sprouts that are harvested in December

■ Rhubarb chard
Long crimson stems and dark foliage. An attractive ornamental plant that will add colour to any flower border

■ Red Cabbage
Dark purplish red leaves

■ Cabbage (Chinese)
Non heading, producing light green leaves with broad white midribs

■ Chilli peppers (hot)
Slender stems supported by canes full of long red hot peppers

■ Cardoon
Popular old fashion vegetable resembling globe artichokes, often grown at the back of flower borders

■ Cauliflowers
Producing beautiful white or creamy yellow curds

■ Peas
Can be grown up pergola supports as well as flowering shrubs such as clematis of honey suckles

■ Runner Beans
Can be grown pergola trellis panels or grown on trellis supports attached to a fence (Some varieties of runner beans have attractive bicolour red and white flowers). If you have an old dead tree in the garden, why not plant some runner beans at the base of the trunk and allow the stems to grow up through the branches?

■ Herbs
Parsley, trailing rosemary, sage have contrasting foliage, as well as scent which makes them an ideal plant to grow in a window box with summer bedding plants

■ Trailing tomatoes or strawberries make an alternative hanging basket.

VEG GROWING POINTERS

1. Once seeds germinate or young plants are planted out into the soil or containers, regular watering is most important throughout the live of the plant.

2. Feeding with fertilizers throughout the growing season, either using chemical or organic fertilizer. Garden Centre shelves are full of liquid or granular fertilizers throughout the year for every season-winter, spring , summer or autumn.

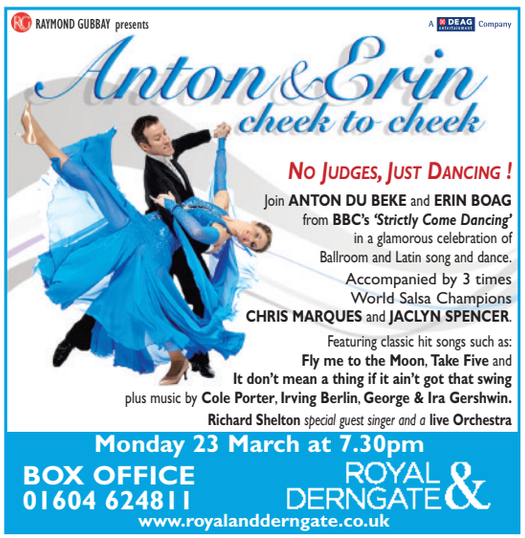
3. Pest control. With global warming, winters are getting milder. Many pests such as aphids and still actively breeding in the middle of December or January.

The air we breathe is much cleaner so that fungal diseases such as mildew and black spot are also active.

Whichever method you use, either chemical or organic, it is important to control pest and disease on your vegetables the keep the foliage clean to produce healthy growth.

I hope I have been successful in giving you a few new ideas on how you can incorporate some vegetables in to your garden and that you are able to enjoy you grown fresh produce for the dinning table during the coming summer. Have fun.

Maurice Rust
Frosts Garden Centre,
Woburn Sands



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Kofte Kebab	Lage 5.30
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Mixed Kebab	6.50
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Istanbul Special Kebab	7.90
Consisting of Doner, Shish, Chicken and Kofte served in a tray with salad and pitta bread	
Vegetarian Kebab	Small 3.00

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(Kiddies meals are suitable for under 10's	

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CHICKEN DONNA Served with fresh naan	4.50	--

TOPPINGS

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Ham, Spicy Pork	Mexican Chicken		Fresh Tomato, Green Chillies
Beef			Aubergine, Fresh Garlic,
			Jalapeno peppers, Black
			Olives, Spinach, Broccoli

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TELEVISION **WEEK**

LOVE her or hate her Margaret Thatcher is likley to stir some reaction in those of a certain age.

Margaret, **Thursday, BBC2, 9pm** stars Lindsay Duncan as the Iron Lady in this one-off drama charting the former prime minister's final days in office.

In November 1990, deputy prime minister Geoffrey Howe resigns with a speech in which he urges his fellow Conservative Party members to consider their loyalty to Mrs Thatcher.

A leadership challenge is announced, but she refuses to take it seriously – unaware her premiership will be over just nine days later.

On a much lighter note, satirical comedy Moving Wallpaper is back, **Friday, ITV1, 9pm.**

The team's jobs are on the line following the cancellation of Echo Beach.

However, hapless producer Jonathan Pope discovers a clause in his contract saying ITV must allow him to produce a new pilot - and decides on a sexy zombie drama starring Kelly Brook.

One of the greatest films of all time, The Shawshank Redemption, hits our small screen on Saturday,

Lindsay Duncan

Channel 4, 9pm.

A banker is wrongly jailed for murder, and over the course of his life sentence he forms an extraordinary friendship with a fellow inmate and earns a position of trust as bookkeeper to the corrupt prison governor, giving him the time and opportunity to conceive a unique escape plan.

If you have not seen it this is the must view of the week.

WIN **CINEMA TICKETS**

MK NEWS has teamed up with Cineworld at the Xscape to offer readers the chance to win a pair of tickets to see the film of their choice. We have two pairs to give away.
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SIMON **DARNELL**

GET ON YOUR BOOTS

U2

HERE'S a thought for you. Being the biggest band in the world doesn't necessarily mean you're the best.

If you ask me, the thing about U2 is that they usually kick off a new album with a really good first single, and then it all unravels as subsequent singles are issued.

With Or Without You, Desire, The Fly, Discotheque, Vertigo were all great songs, but nothing that came after them was even half as good.

I'm purposely omitting Beautiful Day from that list because I think it's massively over-rated for what it is, mind you Elevation was OK so at least something came from that album.

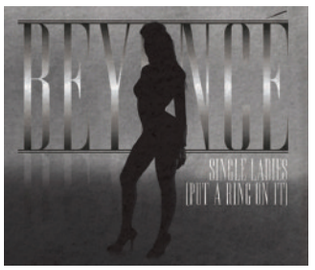
So, in my opinion, U2's work can best be described as hit-and-miss.

Logically then, this is the first single off their new album so this ought to be a cracker – well, that's the idea. In practice, this doesn't really sound like U2 at all.

The guitars are all distorted, the beat is fairly danceable and Bono sounds worrying similar to Thom Yorke.

Do you know what, come to think of it, if the members of U2 were 25 years younger this is the sort of song they'd be putting out now and in my book that's a good sign. I don't know how old they are, although it feels like Bono's been around since the formation of the solar system, but I digress.

This isn't a classic song by U2's standards, however as complete changes of direction go this is certainly unexpected and, is it me or are U2 actually ENJOYING themselves here? That's the big difference, there's no hint of any stadium rock here, this is just four blokes playing a song and having a laugh.



There are plenty of much younger bands around that would quite happily sell their families for a song like this, but the big test will come when the album comes out; if the second single is equally as good then things really will get interesting.

SINGLE LADIES (PUT A RING ON IT)

Beyonce

ANOTHER one for the 'I'm sure they released this song before it was finished' pile, I fear.

The backing track sounds like a 1970s arcade game being played as a drum machine does its thing. I don't know what the game was, but whoever was playing it must've racked up a hell of a score by the end of the song.

This song's a complete and utter mess and no amount of warbling from Beyonce can hide that.

She barely stops singing, and is she singing about dumping a bloke purely because he didn't want to get married? Bit harsh if you ask me, perhaps she ought to review her zero tolerance policy towards boyfriends.

Coming back to the tune though, and unfortunately putting a ring on it would've had no effect whatsoever – somebody should've put a lid on it instead.

IN FOR THE KILL

La Roux

YOU know all these bands that are trying to recreate early eighties synthpop? Blame Fischerspooner, they started it, although Kraftwerk and others would probably have something to say about that.

Well, this is probably as close as anybody's got so far to actually succeeding.

If the band's instruments are older than the people playing them I wouldn't be surprised, and this is actually quite good, truth be told.

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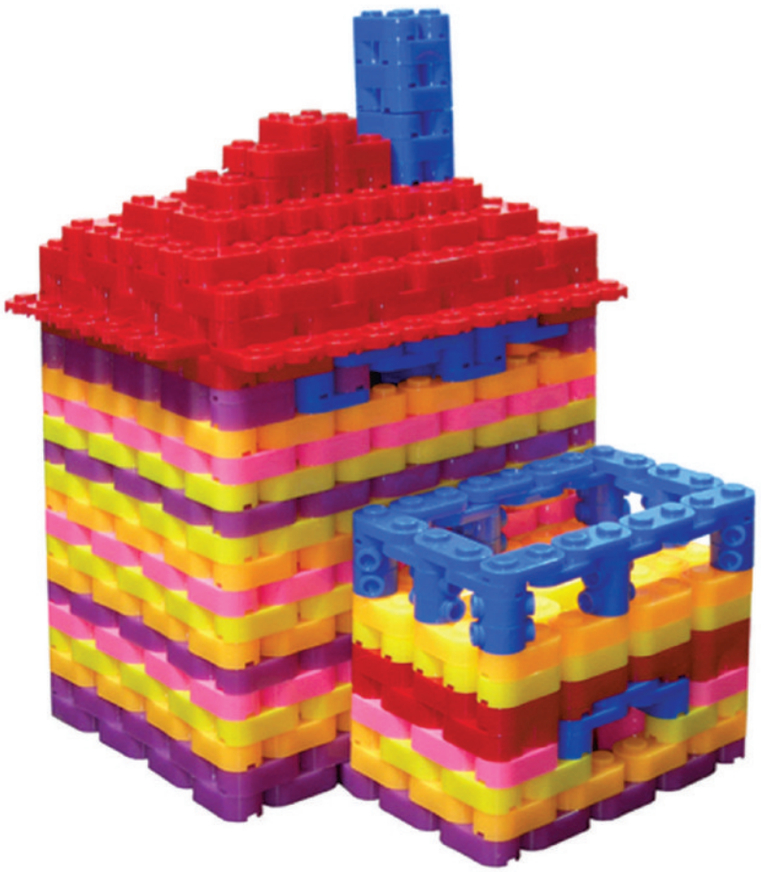

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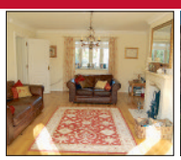

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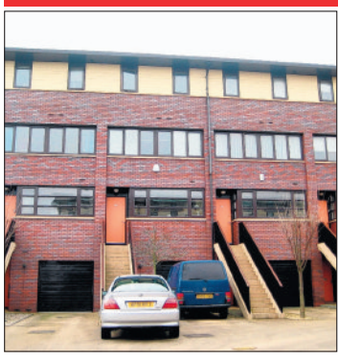

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* Single Garage

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* Three Bedrooms
* Mid Terrace
* Central Heating
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* Kitchen
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* Gardens

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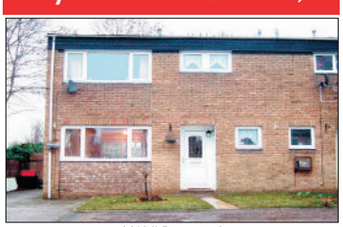

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* Double Glazing
* Gas Radiator Heating
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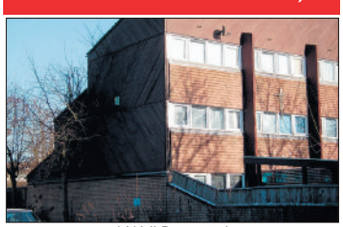

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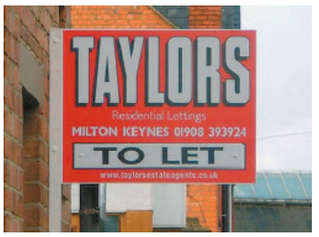

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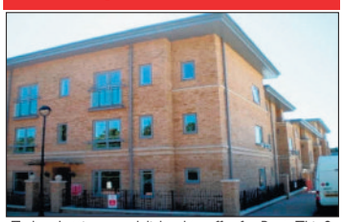

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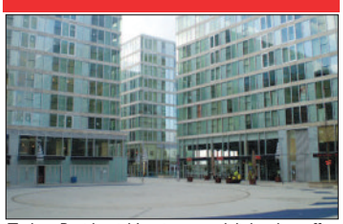

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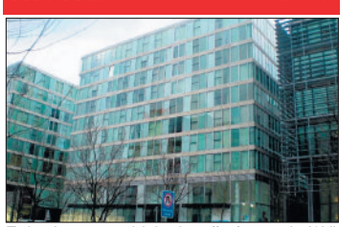

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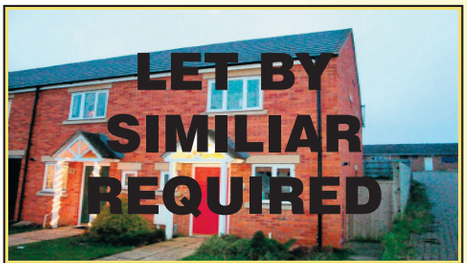

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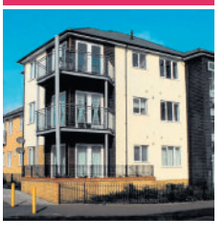

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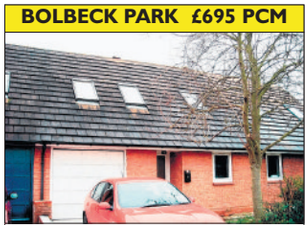

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MK Theatre's parent company to manage new venue in Aylesbury

THE Ambassador Theatre Group (ATG) that runs MIlton Keynes Theatre is set to manage the new Aylesbury Waterside Theatre, which is due to open in early next year.

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) confirmed ATG as its preferred management contractor at a meeting on last weekpaving the way for final contract negotiations to be concluded.

ATG is the second largest theatre operator in the UK and manages a total of 23 venues. It is also one of the country's foremost theatre producers and has been behind some of the most successful and innovative productions in Britain and abroad.

A two year process by AVDC to bring in a specialist company to manage the the new heatre lead to ATG and one other company, HQ Theatres, being shortlisted.

Both submitted tender bids and ATG's was judged to be the most economically advantageous by the council.

Leader of the council John Cartwright, said: "We are excited and pleased to have selected one of our preferred operators to manage the new theatre. Members were very impressed with the ATG proposals and the depth of their experience and professionalism. We look forward to working in partnership with them to fully realise the potential of what will be a fantastic venue for the people of Aylesbury Vale."

Rosemary Squire, joint CEO of ATG, said: "Exciting times lie ahead and ATG intends to offer a rich and varied theatre programme in this fantastic state-of-the-art venue."

Mailcom expands into new premises

AWARD-WINNING direct marketing company Mailcom plc has completed its move to new 55,000 sq ft premises at Crownhill.

Its Milton Keynes-based business continues to expand significantly despite the tough economic climate and has grown its workforce from 12 to 125 since it first located to the new city in 1982 and at its new site it plans to increase the number of staff to 230.

The next stage of Mailcom's expansion focuses on its new contact centre which opens in March 2009.

As the company is FSA regulated all new staff will undergo eight weeks training before starting work to ensure compliance with the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000.

Working with sister company Newlogic, Mailcom services include business critical mailing, contact centre, data analysis and database management.

Mailcom first opened its Milton Keynes operation in Mount Farm to be close to its existing customers and take advantage of high quality available land.

It now has an annual turnover of £13m and Milton Keynes' business environment, prime location, transport links and lifestyle benefits have all contributed to its success - which has included attracting clients such as Virgin Mobile, Powergen, The Telegraph and RSPB.

Mailcom's managing director Eddie Shotton said: "Milton Keynes has been the perfect location for us. As the city has developed, so has the business environment. With potential new customers relocating here we've had fresh leads right on our doorstep.

"Milton Keynes has also proved to be the perfect incubation environment - our sister company Newlogic started its life here.

"Our new building at Crownhill will take 60 people in the contact centre which will be adequate for first phase development and if all goes to plan we will need another office to accommodate growth."

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During National Apprenticeship Week (February 23-27) JHP Training Milton Keynes, at Wolverton Mill will be giving people the opportunity to find out the real story about apprenticeships, from the people who matter the most – past and present apprentices who have experienced it for themselves and will tell it like it really is.

An open day is set for tomorrow from 1pm to 5pm which will give people who are looking to make decisions on their future career the opportunity to find out how a JHP Training Apprenticeship can help them to achieve the career success they deserve.

As well as the experienced centre-based staff there will be Connexions advisors attending the event, there will also be the opportunity for those considering an apprenticeship to 'Ask the Apprentice' – a chance to find out what's really involved in an apprenticeship and how it can propel you to career success, from Venessa Knight who has 'been there, done that' with a business administration apprenticeship.

June Flecknell, centre manager at JHP Training Milton Keynes feels 'Ask the Apprentice' is a step forward in opening up the communication channels between apprentices and those contemplating which direction their future will take.

"As a training provider we see first hand the, often, life-changing impact apprenticeships can have but finding a way to communicate this to prospective learners can be challenging," she said.

"We felt it was important that those looking into apprenticeships as their next career move feel as comfortable as possible when asking questions and more importantly feel confident that the responses they are getting are not text book answers.".

■ For more details on the open day during National Apprenticeship Week contact Daniel Messenger on 01908 311330.

Slip at work is no joke

THREE people died and 1,830 suffered major injury as a result of a slip, trip or fall from height in workplaces in the South East last year.

A further 3,473 sustained injuries that kept them off work for three days or more. These statistics have prompted the launch of an awareness raising campaign from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE).

The second phase of the 'Shattered Lives' campaign has been launched to highlight the devastating consequences of slips, trips and falls in the workplace and to encourage employers, in consultation with their employees, to 'take action'.

Marcia Davies, HSE head of the Injury Reduction Programme said: "People often view slips, trips and falls as trivial incidents, even comical but they are no joke to those who suffer major injuries, a lifetime of disability, time off work and in the worst cases death.

"We want to raise awareness of how these incidents can happen and how they can be avoided by taking common sense actions and precautions.

To help businesses take preventive action the HSE launched STEP that provides practical guidance to help users tackle slips, trips and falls in their workplace.

■ See at www.hse.gov.uk/slips/step/index.htm

New rules mean lone parents with children must prepare for work

THERE are new opportunities in the region for returning workers in the care services says nursing agency entrepreneur Penny Streeter OBE, responding to the plan by the Government Work and Pensions Secretary for the return to work of lone parents with children, announced in a recent white paper.

"There is a critical shortage of temporary care assistants in care homes nationwide. It is a career that can offer an ideal opportunity for many parents returning to work, as jobs are usually available locally, says Penny, founder of Ambition 24hours.

"It is possible to return to work after around three months, once training and CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) and other credentials checks are completed," says Penny.

Lone parents with children as young as three will have to prepare for work and face sanctions if they do not follow an agreed plan, Work and Pensions Secretary James Purnell has said.

Currently, single parents are no longer able to claim income support after their youngest child becomes 12 – from 2010 the rule will take effect from when the youngest is seven.

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Hours: 13 hours per week Salary:£11,961 pro rata

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- Support the Leisure Centre Supervisor to provide a high quality level of customer service

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Notice is given in accordance with section 19(3) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that the respective Governing Bodies of Samuel Whitbread Community College, Hitchmead School, Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Langford Lower School, Derwent Lower School, Southill Lower School, intend to make a prescribed alteration Samuel Whitbread Community College, Shefford Road, Clifton, Shefford Beds SG17 5QS; Hitchmead Special School, Hitchmead Road, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 0NL; Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Bloomfield Drive, Shefford, Beds SG17 5BU; Langford Lower School, Church Street, Langford, Beds SG18 9QA; Derwent Lower School, Hitchin Road, Henlow Beds SG16 6BA; Southill Lower School, School Lane, Southill, Biggleswade, Beds SG18 9JA respectively. The proposed alteration is to change school category from Community to Foundation and acquire a foundation established otherwise than under Schools Standards and Framework 1998.

From: 1st April 2009

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i the name of the new Foundation will be the Bedfordshire East Schools Trust (BEST)

ii this is a new foundation to be established by partner schools within an existing loose federation of schools and excellence partnership Samuel Whitbread Community College, Hitchmead School, Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Langford Lower School, Derwent Lower School, Southill Lower School.

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i The Governing Bodies of Samuel Whitbread Community College, Hitchmead School, Robert Bloomfield Middle School, Langford Lower School, Derwent Lower School, Southill Lower School, believes that these proposals are in the best interests of the school, the students, the staff and the local community. In particular, these proposals will ensure and enable closer collaboration between member schools and non-member schools, improve standards, enhance personalisation and build close ties with industry, research and best practice.

ii In particular this change will increase the capacity to promote shared human resources, cross phase learning and improved expertise. This will enable the school to better fulfil its community remit while increasing diversity and choice.

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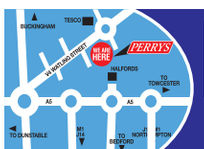

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12	Norwich (CC)	H	1-0
16	Northampton	H	1-0
23	Huddersfield	A	3-1
26	Cardiff (CC)	A	1-2
30	Swindon	H	1-2

September

6	Yeovil	H	3-0
13	Oldham	A	0-2
20	Colchester	A	3-0
27	Peterborough	H	1-2

October

4	Millwall	A	4-0
7	Bournemouth JPT	H	0-1
11	Carlisle	H	3-1
18	Crewe	A	1-1
21	Stockport	H	1-2
25	Cheltenham	H	3-1
28	Leyton Orient	A	2-1

November

1	Tranmere	H	1-0
8	Bradford (FAC)	H	1-2
15	Hartlepool	A	3-1
22	Walsall	A	3-0
25	Hereford	H	3-0

December

6	Scunthorpe	H	0-2
12	Brighton	A	4-2
20	Leeds	H	3-1
26	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
28	Southend	H	2-0

January

12	Colchester	H	1-1
17	Carlisle	A	2-3
20	Peterborough	A	0-0
27	Leyton Orient	H	1-2
31	Cheltenham	A	5-3

February

3	Stockport	A	1-0
14	Hartlepool	H	3-1
21	Tranmere	A	1-1
28	Leicester	H	

March

3	Northampton	A
7	Swindon	A
10	Huddersfield	H
14	Oldham	H
17	Millwall	H
21	Yeovil	A
24	Crewe	H
28	Leeds	A

April

4	Brighton	H
10	Southend	A
13	Bristol Rovers	H
18	Scunthorpe	A
25	Walsall	H

May

2	Hereford	A

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Aaron Wilbraham is fouled by Tranmere's Anthony Kay for MK Dons penalty

Dons pitch in for point

TRANMERE ROVERS 1

Gornell 83

MK DONS 1

Leven 73 (pen)

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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THIS was set up to be a classic match – the team with the best away record in League One up against one of the best home records.

Unfortunately it was instantly forgettable but that doesn't matter to MK Dons because this was an important point.

Dons were far from their best, Roberto Di Matteo pointed out the unplayable pitch surface as the reason behind this scrappy game.

There was no room for attractive football which meant both goals came from set-pieces, the Dons took the lead through Peter Leven's penalty in the 73rd minute.

If the Dons boss was unhappy about the pitch, many of his players were angry at Terry Gornell's equaliser claiming the player, who had come on as a sub minutes earlier, used his hand to put the ball in the net.

Di Matteo said: "You're always a bit disappointed when you concede from a set-piece but I think the player punched the ball in with his hand that's what my players are saying so it was actually a handball."

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		HOME						AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leicester	33	11	5	1	30	10	10	5	1	32	16	36	73
2	**MK Dons**	**31**	**9**	**1**	**5**	**27**	**15**	**10**	**3**	**3**	**35**	**19**	**28**	**61**
3	Peterborough	32	9	4	2	30	16	7	5	5	28	26	16	57
4	Oldham	32	9	6	1	31	14	5	6	5	20	25	12	54
5	Scunthorpe	30	8	3	3	28	18	8	2	6	26	24	12	53
6	Millwall	30	9	4	3	20	14	6	3	5	20	20	6	52
7	Stockport	32	7	5	5	26	20	7	4	4	23	16	13	51
8	Leeds	32	10	2	4	32	17	6	1	9	18	21	12	51
9	Tranmere	32	10	4	3	30	17	4	3	8	14	21	6	49
10	Huddersfield	32	8	5	4	24	19	5	3	7	18	27	-4	47
11	Walsall	32	8	1	6	24	23	4	6	7	21	23	-1	43
12	Colchester	31	5	3	8	16	17	7	3	5	27	26	0	42
13	Southend	31	8	2	5	17	13	3	5	8	18	33	-11	40
14	Bristol Rovers	30	7	3	5	29	19	3	6	6	21	24	7	39
15	Yeovil	31	3	7	5	17	21	6	3	7	14	22	-12	37
16	Hartlepool	32	6	7	4	34	28	3	2	10	12	25	-7	36
17	Carlisle	31	7	2	6	27	22	3	4	9	14	27	-8	36
18	Northampton	30	6	6	4	23	16	2	3	9	17	26	-2	33
19	Swindon	30	5	4	6	26	28	2	8	5	19	23	-6	33
20	Leyton Orient	32	3	4	8	12	20	5	5	7	13	19	-14	33
21	Brighton	30	3	4	8	19	28	4	6	5	15	17	-11	31
22	Crewe	30	6	2	6	21	25	2	2	12	17	36	-23	28
23	Hereford	30	5	4	6	19	14	2	2	11	10	32	-17	27
24	Cheltenham	30	4	4	7	23	31	1	2	12	13	37	-32	21

Not including last night's games

But Di Matteo refused to blame the referee, saying: "It was probably difficult to see, there were quite a few players in the six-yard box so you always hope maybe the linesman can help the referee if he doesn't see it. We can't change it now."

Tranmere were lively on the attack from the start with Charlie Barnett and Ian Moore firing efforts at Willy Gueret.

Bas Savage proved to be a nuisance as the tall, strong forward teased the Dons defenders although never looked too dangerous in front of goal.

Chances for the Dons were rare in the first-half and they had Gueret to thank for keeping the scores level when he tipped away another good effort, this time from Chris Shuker.

Defender Miguel Llera had one of the Dons' best opportunities in the second-half to break the deadlock when his header skimmed wide.

Rovers had limited the Dons but then shot themselves in the foot when Antony Kay dragged Aaron Wilbraham down inside the box.

Peter Leven stepped up for the resulting penalty and after a few mind games dispatched his spot-kick beyond John Achterberg.

Speaking after the game Leven said: "Most keepers dive so I just smashed it down the middle.

"The defender came and tried to move it, then the referee moved it but you just block that out and concentrate on the ball hitting the back of the net.

"I thought we could hopefully get the one nil, but that's football you never know what happens."

Yet ten minutes later Gornell popped up with the controversial leveller to send the Dons back to Milton Keynes with a point.

Di Matteo added: "Our game plan away from home has worked very well. We did well, defended well, tried to be positive going forward as well. They're a tough team I have to say, credit to Tranmere ir's a difficult place to come to."

TRANMERE ROVERS: Achterberg, Chorley, Goodison (Edds 79), Kay (c), Savage, Moore, Jennings (Gornell 79), Cresswell, Barnett (Sonko 79), Shuker, Shotton.
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Leicester City may be 12 points clear at the top of the table but they will head to stadiummk desperate not to drop points to the Dons.

If they lose to Roberto Di Matteo's side there is a chance the Dons could close that gap as they already hold two games in hand over their title rivals.

But the Dons will have to end the Foxes newly set-record 20 games without defeat.

Dons' defenders will be in for one of their hardest games of the season trying to keep Matt Fryatt, Steven Howard, Andy King and former Don Lloyd Dyer quiet.

This season the quartet have scored 47 of their 62 goals in the league for the Foxes.

NORTHAMPTON TOWN

League One
Tuesday, March 3
Sixfields Stadium KO 7.45pm

MK Dons' short trip to Northampton will be their first visit to the Sixfields Stadium.

The neighbouring sides have only clashed once before and it was earlier this season when Aaron Wilbraham scored the only goal to give the Dons victory.

Northampton's have hit a sticky patch in their season over recent weeks.

After hammering Crewe 5-1 they were then beaten by Colchester, Leicester, Oldham and Walsall.

They now find themselves looming over the relegation places.

Their home form is somewhat mixed with six wins, six defeats and four draws on their own turf.

Season tickets on sale at pre-Championship prices

MK Dons season tickets are now on sale.

The club have unveiled their prices for renewals and new season ticket holders.

An adult in the Cowshed can renew for £270 if they apply up to and including March 31, the first deadline, any time after that until May, 5 will cost £280.

The cheapest renewal for an adult, if they apply by the first deadline, will cost just £240 for a seat in the family corner or the standard corner.

Those looking to become a new season ticket holders for the 2009/10 term can get a seat in the family corner of the standard corner would pay £250.

The Dons have introduced 1,000 new seats in the family wing in the west stand to the north of Club Red.

They are priced from £270 for adults, and £69 for under 16s.

Family corner under 16 prices are from just £45.

Dons have continued to tap into their growing support by stating all under seven season ticket holders are admitted free throughout the stadium (except Club Red) when accompany by an adult.

A new price for 17 to 21-year-olds and over 60s has been brought in so those in full-time education can still enjoy their regular fix of football. With promotion looking ever more likely Dons fans are encouraged to take up the season ticket offers early.

If the Dons clinch promotion the prices will immediately operate at Championship prices.

To apply for a season ticket or find out more information pick up an application form from stadiummk, e-mail boxoffice@mkdons.com or call on 01908 622900.

The price can be spread across three, six or nine months.

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Eddie snatches last-gasp winner

BASKETBALL

MK LIONS 83

Eddie 23, Obazuaye 11, Brown/Williams/Emmerson 9

GUILDFORD HEAT 82

Martin 24, Howell 17, McKnight 12

TOMMIE Eddie stopped MK Lions' run of five successive defeats to Guildford Heat with a last gasp free-throw.

The 6ft 8ins forward held his nerve to clinch the win when he landed two free-throws with two seconds remaining on the clock.

Visitors Guildford looked like they had wrapped up the game moments earlier when they hit Lions with an 11-2 burst.

But with eight seconds left a foul was called and Eddie snatched victory from the jaws of defeat.

Earlier in the game the Lions had led by 11-8 before threes by Keonta Howell and Daniel Sandell sparked a run which saw Heat take the first quarter 16-22.

Heat continued to lead early in the second quarter by an 18-29 margin until Lions closed the gap with a 12-2 break.

The two sides continued to go toe-to-toe and the scores were tied at half-time at 42-42.

Heat boss Paul James had been cautious in his approach to the game stating Lions could beat anyone on their day.

And Lions' coach Vince Macaulay slowly started to get the best out of his team in the second-half.

Triples by Eddie and Terrell Brown helped the home side go back in front, even if it was only 67-65, it was an important advantage heading into the final quarter.

Lions stretched the lead to 79-71 before Heat broke the game open to set up a nail-biting climax.

There was only one man to step up to the free-throw line for Lions their leading scorer of the night Eddie.

Lions head coach Macaulay said: "I'm very happy; it is always good to win. We left it late but Tommie kept his cool to clinch it for us."

■ MK Lions host Chester Jets on Friday at Bletchley Leisure Centre, tip-off 7.30pm, then on Sunday they travel to Worthing Thunder, tip-off 5pm.

Steady Eddie: Free-throw winner

Lightning top table

ICE HOCKEY

MK LIGHTNING 10
WIGHTLINK RAIDERS 1

TELFORD TIGERS 1
MK LIGHTNING 4

ANOTHER impressive weekend has seen MK Lightning storm to the top of the English Premier League.

Lightning thrashed Wightlink Raiders then won at Telford Tigers to extend their unbeaten run to five games.

As well as Lightning's own good form the rise to the top was helped by results going in their favour elsewhere.

Guildford Flames beat Peterborough Phantoms and then Flames lost to Romford which allowed Lightning to move from third to first.

On Sunday Lightning were at their unstoppable best against a poor Wightlink side who provided little threat.

In fact Wightlink's fate was sealed early in the game when Adam Carr scored with seven seconds on the clock. Grant McPherson, Gary Clarke and Joakim Wiklander all added to the score to give Lightning a 4-0 lead at the end of the first period.

When Wightlink went fourteen minutes without conceding they may have thought Lightning were easing off, but that wasn't the case.

Player-coach Nick Poole fired his side to five on 31.01minutes then forty seconds later he assisted Andre Smulter in making it six.

Lightning continued to fire from all cylinders when Michael Wales finished off a move from Chris McEwen and Smulter on 41.18.

Wales and Smulter then played a hand in Poole's second of the game.

Trailing by eight nil Wightlink were finally able to break Lightning's defence on 42.40 when Juraj Rusic netted their solitary goal of the evening.

Lightning trio Wales, Smulter and Poole once again combined this time it was Smulter who found the net.

The final goal fell to Poole who completed a hat-trick with his strike on 51.46.

Sunday's game with Telford was a little harder for Lightning as they had to come from a goal down to win.

Once they fell behind Lightning kicked into gear with Clarke and Wiklander soon handing the visitors the advantage.

Lightning changed the scoreline from 1-0 to the home side to 1-3 in four minutes when Smulter slotted the third.

And four points from the weekend were assured when Adam Carr's power play goal hit the back of the net 13 minutes from time.

■ LIGHTNING are at home to Bracknell Bees on Saturday, face-off 7pm, on Sunday they travel to Guildford Flames, face-off 6pm.

Michael Wales fires in a goal against Wightlink Pic Tony Sargent

Edgar injury books ticket to Turin for out-of-form Pickering

ATHLETICS

CRAIG Pickering and Greg Rutherford have been named in Great Britain's team for the European Indoor Championships in Turin.

The duo were picked by UK Athletics boss Charles van Commenee to fly out for next weekend's Championships.

There was redemption for sprinter Pickering following his false start at the European Trials and UK Championships.

Pickering, 22, booked his place with his 60metre run in 6.57seconds in Glasgow.

In the race Pickering finished in fifth place but the withdrawal of Tyrone Edgar due to injury all but secured his place.

Simeon Williamson won the race in 6.53s joining Pickering and Dwain Chambers, the favourite for gold, in Turin.

Pickering said: "If I come home with anything less than a medal I will be bitterly disappointed but there's a lot of people running quicker at the moment so I've got to do something about that."

Rutherford also ran in the 60m final, after setting a Personal Best of 6.68 in the heats, clocking 6.73s which saw him cross the line last.

But Rutherford travels to Italy to compete as Britain's number one long jumper.

Bletchley still struggling but Olney shut out Wanderers

RUGBY

SOUTH WEST TWO EAST DIVISION

BLETCHLEY'S winless streak stretched to eleven games as they lost to High Wycombe.

Despite their dismal form Bletchley have not dropped to the bottom of the table that spot is still occupied by Henley Wanderers.

Bletchley's confidence was shattered after just three minutes when High Wycombe crossed the line to go 5-0 up.

Wycombe added a further two converted tries to extend their advantage to 19-0.

Bletchley came to life shortly after a missed penalty from Kevin Turnbull, winger Chris Martin went over to pull five points back. But Wycombe were able to add a further two tries taking the score to 24-5 at half-time.

The visitors continued their scoring habit after the break with another converted try handing them a 31-5 lead.

The heavy scoreline did not stop Bletchley's want for points and their persistence eventually paid off when Jamie Parker burst through to score.

It was too late for any impact as High Wycombe won 31-10.

OLNEY turned in a brilliant performance to put 34 points past Henley Wanderers and nil their visitors.

From the first whistle Olney were gunning for victory with prop Ollie Brackenbury diving over for the first try.

Olney then scored two further tries from Rhys Peakman and Adam Kelsall to go 15-0 up at half-time.

After the break Wanderers were given a route back when Olney's number eight Ian Bennett was yellow carded for not rolling away. But they failed to take advantage and were soon down to 14 men when one of their players was caught offside.

Man of the match Jack Shotton crashed over and Scott Filler also bagged a try.

Dave Smith added his first conversion of the afternoon, 27-0 to Olney.

Peakman was the creator of Olney's best try when he crashed through three tackles, before offloading. The ball found second row Mark Lay who made it 34-0.

SOUTHERN COUNTIES NORTH DIVISION

MILTON Keynes suffered only their second defeat of the season at the weekend.

A 20-13 loss at Witney meant MK dropped into third place.

MK went ahead with an early penalty but they concede two tries and trailed 12-3 at half-time.

Witney added two more tries while MK struck a penalty and score a converted try under the posts too late in the game to affect the outcome.

SPORTSSHORTS

England medallists matched

THE members of Team England who won silver in the recent Badminton Team Championships have been handed tough draws in the Yonex All England Open Championship.

Two of England's biggest hopes have been drawn against each other in the first round of the mixed doubles.

MK based Donna Kellogg and her partner Anthony Clarke will face Jenny Wallwork and Nathan Robertson, also an MK resident.

In the men's doubles Clark and Robertson are seeded eighth and face a tricky opener against Korea's Han Sang Hoon and Hwang Ji Man. England have three other pairs in the main draw with Chris Adcock and Robert Blair in the same quarter as Clark and Robertson.

Adock and Blair face Simon Mollyhus and Anders Kristiansen of Denmark in their opening match.

The 99th Yonex All England Open Championship takes place on Tuesday until Sunday at Birmingham's National Indoor Arena.

Hat-trick Hansell

THE local football fixtures went ahead following weeks of weather disruptions.

In Molten Spartan South Midlands division one Buckingham Athletic beat Sport London e Benfica 3-2 with G Hansell netting a hat-trick.

The break did Stony Stratford Town a world of good as they returned with a superb 5-1 win over Bedford while New Bradwell St Peter lost 2-1 to Amersham Town.

Last night New Bradwell St Peter were due to play Kings Langley and Harpenden Town were set to face Buckingham Athletic.

In division two Mursley United drew 1-1 away to Aston Clinton.

In the United Counties Premier League Newport Pagnell Town were held to a 1-1 draw at home to top of the table Deeping.

World Champs for Poulter

GOLF tournaments are coming thick and fast for Ian Poulter.

Days after finishing the Johnnie Walker Classic in Perth in joint 23rd place, Poulter is set to take part in the first round of the World Golf Championship.

The Woburn pro has been drawn in the Gary Player bracket in the Accenture Match Play Championship which starts today.

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‘We don’t fear Foxes’

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MK Dons will not fear Leicester City when they come to stadiummk, according to skipper Dean Lewington.

The Dons are looking to cut into Leicester’s 12 point lead at the top of League One on Saturday and will need to be at their very best to do so.

The teams met on the first day of the season and the Dons lost 2-0 on that occasion but Lewington believes the sides are now more evenly matched.

The left back said: “I think we’ve surprised a few people including ourselves with where we are.

“It is such a tight league that if anyone puts a run together you can get there.

“They’re very difficult, a very attacking team. We’re pretty confident, we’re second in the table, we score a lot of goals too.

“We’re going to cause them just as many problems as they cause us.”

Demand for tickets has seen 15,000 already sold, including the away allocation, and the Dons are currently selling 1,000 a day.

The Dons’ capacity has also raised to 19,000 and the atmosphere is set to give an added injection of passion to the game.

Lewington said: “It’s nice to play in a stadium like this especially when it’s full. I missed out on the Leeds game and I was gutted because it was such a great atmosphere it lifts the game, you’re sure to get a good game.

“The lads are buzzing to be playing in front of a big crowd.”

Dons are not settling for second-place and Lewington insists they will still have a chance for the title even if they lose to Leicester.

“Last year we were miles clear and we had a blip,” Lewington added, “Every team usually goes through a rough patch, that hasn’t happened to Leicester so far. If they beat us we just keep going.

“You like to beat the teams around you but it doesn’t really effect us. Consistency rather than one game is probably key to a good season.”

As the table shows Leicester are undoubtedly the best team in League One and Dons boss Roberto Di Matteo says they are so well equipped they could be a top six Championship side.

But the Italian also shares the same opinion as his skipper, that the Dons are good enough to end Leicester’s unbeaten run of 20 games without defeat.

He said: “We’ve been unbeaten in four games, that’s not bad. Do we need to raise our game? I think we’ve done pretty well so far.

“I’m sure the players will do their best, give 100 per cent that’s what we can ask for and I’m sure we’ll have a big game as well. It will be an interesting encounter against Leicester, personally we’re all looking forward to this game.”

Dons are boosted by Sean O’Hanlon’s return from injury, although the fitness of Luke Chadwick and Tore Andre Flo is set to be assessed today.

Double goal scorer Matt Fryatt gets in a shot with Alan Navarro and Carl Regan in attendence in the first game of the season

Corporal Keith bobbin’ off to world champs

A FORMER student from Radcliffe School is representing Great Britain at the World Bobsleigh Championships.

RAF Corporal Keith McLughlin, originally from Milton Keynes, is competing at Lake Placid, USA, until Saturday.

His team have already impressed in the Europa Cup competition, racing in Germany and Austria before securing third place in Cesana, Italy, on January 31.

Corporal McLughlin is also due to celebrate his 27th birthday today.

His parents, Gordon and Carol, live in Wolverton Mill and his brothers Scott, Craig and Paul all live in Milton Keynes.

His team mates are Senior Aircraftman Roger Smith and Royal Marines, Corporal John Jackson and Jamie Devlin.

Corporal McLaughlin said: “Achieving third place in Cesana was the proudest moment in my bobsleigh career and it was great to see our nation’s flag flying at the awards ceremony. This whole season has been a fantastic experience.

“We’ve trained hard and it has paid off. Now we want to get to the Olympics. I’m grateful to have been given the chance to represent my country in a sport that I love”.

If the team get a top 15 place in the World Championships, they will qualify for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

MK DONS

Saturday 28th February 2009
Coca Cola League 1
MK Dons vs Leicester City
Kick-off 3.00pm

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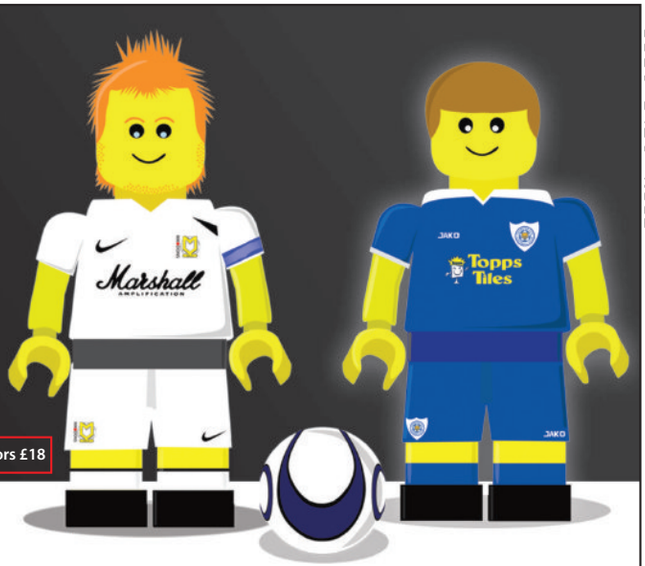

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